2007-2008

PART II

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WITH REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hearing on the Warrant
Monday, April 30, 2007
Buker School – 7:30 P.M.
Annual Town Meeting – BUKER SCHOOL
Saturday, May 5, 2007
Election 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon – Meeting 1:00 P.M.
Please bring this Part II with you to the
Hearing and Town Meeting
Matters to be voted do not appear in Part I of the
Town Report

Wenham Finance and Advisory Committee
Fiscal 2008 Annual Report

To the Citizens of Wenham:

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Non-personnel expenditure increases for Town departments, with few exceptions were modest, inflationary increases. Exceptions include the Board of Health, Animal Control, Fire Department and the Tree Warden. These budgets all had relatively small increases beyond inflation which we were convinced were warranted.

We also budgeted $50,000 for employee sick and vacation buybacks for retiring town employees, which is a requirement of our union and personnel contracts, for several anticipated retirements. We had no similar provision or expenditure this year (2007) or last year (2006).

A major driver for expenditure increases for 2008 is our debt payments which will increase by $380,147 or 102% from $373,129 to $753,276, which is net of $206,080 of actual and proposed Community Preservation Act (CPA) appropriations. The debt payments on our soon to completed new Police Station and renovated Town Hall as well as the BANS on our $1,829,000 emergency culvert repairs, were the major contributors to this increase.

The bottom line effect of all these expenditure increases is a very disappointing anticipated increase of $1.28 or 10.97% in our tax rate if all the Articles, with exception of the $540,000 culvert repair article, are approved at Town Meeting. This will translate to a tax increase of $699.78 for the owner of a median assessed residential home of $546,700.

The committee also wishes to report that all 6 committee members unanimously approved the Operating Budget (Article 2) as well as all Articles for which we recommend favorable action. Further, almost all votes by the committee during the year were unanimous with the very occasional exception of a 5 to 1 vote.

We also wish to thank Larry Swartz and Scott Spearing for their many years of service to this committee.

Please come to the Warrant Hearing on Monday, April 30, 2007. This is the time for you to ask your questions and express your opinions. We need your feedback.

Wenham Finance and Advisory Committee

Jack Wilhelm, Chairman
Deb Evans
Steve Fischer
Tom Kyrouz
Scott Mackintosh
Susan Mehlin

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
May 5, 2007

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Saturday the Fifth of May, 2007, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles. "Article One," the election of officers to be by official ballot from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 NOON; the remaining articles to be acted upon at 1:00 P.M., and if not completed, the meeting to be reconvened on Monday, May 7, 2007 at 7:30 P.M., at the Bessie Buker School; and to vote on ballot questions at the Special Election on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1: Election of Town Officers

Moderator, for one year; Town Clerk, for one year; one Selectman for three years; one Assessor for three years; one Assessor for two years; one Planning Board member for five years; Tree Warden for one year; one Board of Health member for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for two years; one Water Commissioner for three years; one Housing Authority member for five years; one Hamilton Wenham Library Trustee for three years; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: Budget Appropriations

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray the Town expense of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2008) beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

Notes to Recap Sheet for FY2008

REVENUE

Local Receipts: Include the following: **$1,065,650**
Motor Vehicle Excise, Penalties and Interest, Payments is Lieu of Taxes, Charges for Services, Fees, Rentals, Departmental Revenues, Licenses and Permits, Fines and Forfeits, and Investment Income

Water Revenue:
Raised from water use charges. Water Receipts equal Water Budget: **$433,091**

Assessments to Hamilton: – FY07 apportionment:
Joint Library 64.27% - Hamilton / 35.73% - Wenham
Council on Aging Van 56.53% - Hamilton / 43.47% - Wenham

Library Assessment:

Operating Budget:	660,838
Other Expenses (Employee Benefits, Insurance, Etc.):	101,689
Subtotal	$762,707
Hamilton @ 64.27%	490,186
Plus: 10% Admin. Fee	49,019
Plus Worker's Comp and Retirement	41,215
Total Assessment to Hamilton – Library	**$580,420**

Council on Aging Van Assessment:

Operating Budget:	56,109
Other Expenses:	648
Subtotal	$56,757
Hamilton @ 56.53%	32,085
Plus: 10% Admin. Fee	3,208
Plus Worker's Comp and Retirement	751
Total Assessment to Hamilton – COA Van	**$36,044**

Cherry Sheet Revenues:
FY07 Cherry Sheet – $572,729
FY08 Estimate (Level Funded) = **$572,729**

Other Available Funds: Chapter 90 Funds (Road Repairs): **$156,564**

EXPENSES

Cherry Sheet Charges: Assessed by State (Level Funded) **$114,012**

Other Expenditures: Catch all for any other charges which may be assessed to the town without appropriation. This includes cherry sheet offsets and any other deficits that may have to be raised.

FY08 Estimated: **$6,898**

Overlay: Also known as the Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions – from Assessors
FY08 Amount: **$100,000**

Special Articles: The total dollar amount of the Finance and Advisory Committee's recommended expenditures under all of the warrant articles that affect the tax rate (except Article 2)

Article No. 4	Description:	Chapter 90	**$156,564**
Article No. 6		Regional Operations Ctr.	**$ 1,000**
Article No. 12		Planning Bd. Zoning Ordinance	**$ 25,000**

Override Articles: Items that are considered to be beyond the Levy Limit and will require a Town Meeting Vote

Article No. 7	Culverts Phase II	**$504,000**
Article No. 10	HWRSD Override	**$154,817**
Article No. 11	Highway Truck & Emergency Mgmnt	**$113,000**
Article No. 14	Water Tower Painting – Additional Funding	**$ 75,000**

Other:
Fiscal Year Levy Limit: From Department of Revenue RECAP Sheet
New Growth: Value increase estimated from Building Permits - FY08 Amt: **$150,000**
This amount is added to the Levy Limit
Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion: Includes Joint Library Project, Town Hall/Police Station Project, Iron Rail Boiler and School Debt, Culvert BANS

PRELIMINARY RECAP SHEET
COMPARISON OF FISCAL YEAR 2007 TO 2008
FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED

	ACTUAL - DOR FY2006 Recap	ACTUAL - DOR FY2007 Recap	ESTIMATED FY2008 Recap	INCREASE (DECREASE)
REVENUES				
LOCAL RECEIPTS	955,682	1,061,490	1,065,650	4,160
WATER	456,420	450,000	433,091	(16,909)
ASSESSMENT from Hamilton - COA Van	39,123	39,133	36,044	(3,089)
ASSESSMENT from Hamilton - Joint Library	485,017	501,867	580,420	78,553
Local Receipt Subtotal	1,936,242	2,052,490	2,115,205	62,715
Community Preservation Act Revenue		466,556	466,556	0
CHERRY SHEET REVENUE	517,376	572,729	572,729	0
OTHER (Available Funds)				
Chapter 90	90,825	91,682	156,564	64,882
Cemetery Funds to offset DPW expenses			15,000	15,000
FREE CASH USED FOR:				
Article 5: To Level the Tax Rate	381,437	171,545	411,685	240,140
OVERLAY SURPLUS:				
Article Prior Year : To Level the Tax Rate	107,120	78,311		(78,311)
Article 12: Planning Bd. Zoning Ordinance			25,000	25,000
STM 2006- Available Funds	15,000	0	0	0
ONE TIME MUNICIPAL RELIEF	27,706	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	3,075,706	3,433,313	3,762,739	329,426
EXPENDITURES				
ARTICLE 2 - SALARIES & WAGES	2,620,948	2,639,986	2,824,992	185,006
ARTICLE 2 - TOWN EXPENSES	2,943,753	3,356,349	3,980,191	623,842
ARTICLE 2 - H W REG SCHOOL EXPENSES	5,408,166	5,674,198	6,048,568	374,370
ARTICLE 2 - SCHOOL DEBT	328,677	325,239	374,290	49,051
ARTICLE 2 - REG VOCATIONAL SCHOOL EXPENSES	44,978	37,530	27,861	(9,669)
ARTICLE 2 - CAPITAL	97,500	130,000	127,340	(2,660)
sub-total Article 2			13,383,242	
CHERRY SHEET CHARGES	109,911	114,012	114,012	0
OTHER - Library Offset	4,334	6,271	6,898	627
Other Deficits to be raised (if any)	26,734			
OVERLAY (Allowance for Abatements)	110,000	100,000	100,000	0
SPECIAL ARTICLES				
Article 6: Regional Operations Center			1,000	1,000
Article 4: Chapter 90	90,825	91,682	156,564	64,882
WISSH - Prior Fiscal Year	15,000			0
Article 12: Planning Bd. Ordinance			25,000	25,000
OVERRIDE ARTICLES				
Article 11: Capital - Dump Truck			90,000	90,000
Article 11: Emergency Mngmnt			23,000	23,000
Article 10: School	211,687	91,082	154,817	63,735
Community Preservation Act Unreserved		131,805	194,493	62,688
Community Preservation Act Reserved		334,751	272,063	(62,688)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	12,012,513	13,032,905	14,521,089	1,488,184
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED (Total Expenditures less Total Revenues. This amount is subject to the levy limit)	8,936,807	9,599,592	10,758,350	1,158,758
PRIOR FISCAL YEAR LEVY LIMIT - before debt exclusion	8,089,185	8,591,660	9,014,482	422,822
2 1/2% Increase	202,230	214,792	225,362	10,571
Current New Growth (Value increases from new building)	88,558	116,948	150,000	33,052
Override Articles (Capital - 113 K, Schools - 154,817)	211,687	91,082	267,817	176,735
				643,180
LEVY LIMIT - before adding current year debt exclusion	8,591,660	9,014,482	9,657,661	
PROP 2 1/2 DEBT EXCLUSION School Debt, Town Hall/Police Station, Joint Library	574,296	672,185	1,102,183	
LEVY LIMIT - Maximum Allowable Levy (Net Amount To Be Raised cannot be higher than this)	9,165,956	9,686,667	10,759,844	
LESS: Amount to be provided for negotiated settlement of a disputed legal claim	225,000			
GAP - Levy Limit minus the Net Amount To Be Raised. (If this amount is negative it is beyond the Levy Limit and is not allowable without an override)	4,149	87,075	1,494	
PROPERTY VALUATION	818,018,565	822,587,133	830,587,133	4,000,000
TAX RATE -(Net Amount to be Raised divided by Property Valuation x 1000	$11.20	$11.67	$12.95	$1.28

Joint Libr Proj.	110,058
Jt Libr Purch	30,488
Town Hall	22,735
School Reno	374,290
Iron rail boiler	11,185
Town Hall @ 4.456m	417,257
Fire Truck (Quint)	70,691
Culverts BAN	65,479
Total	1,102,183

10.97% increase/ decrease

Please note: $100,000 of expenditures equals approximately $0.13 on the tax rate

12.95
DEBT PAYMENTS
MOSTLY TH + PS
BLDG INCREASE

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JACK WILHELM WILL MOVE
GIVE REPORT ON FISCAL CONDITION OF TOWN
WILL READ EACH ARTICLE
CALL HOLD

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	GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
114	**MODERATOR**					
114-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	50	50
122	**SELECTMEN**					
122-5100	SALARIES (Chairman @ $4,266/year, 2 Members @ $3,273 /year)	10,812	10,812	10,812	10,812	10,812
122-5200	EXPENSES	1,833	2,942	1,934	2,000	2,000
		12,645	13,754	12,746	12,812	12,812
123	**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**					
123-5100	SALARY (@ $90,821/year)	74,846	76,220	85,855	87,826	90,821
123-5200	EXPENSES	2,185	5,692	2,490	2,500	2,500
		77,031	81,912	88,345	90,326	93,321
131	**FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**					
131-5200	EXPENSES	0	135	195	250	250
132	**RESERVE FUND MGL C.40, S.6**					
132-5700	RESERVE FUND	118,940	160,536	104,188	147,000	135,000
135	**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**					
135-5100	SALARY (@ $47,756/year)	63,341	69,730	71,484	45,200	47,756
135-5200	EXPENSES	2,041	3,894	2,744	3,600	3,400
135-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES			1,500	1,500	500
		65,382	73,624	75,728	50,300	51,656
139	**MUNICIPAL AUDIT**					
139-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Municipal Audit	15,315	16,000	16,000	18,000	18,000
141	**ASSESSORS**					
141-5100	SALARY & WAGES Chief Assessor @ $57,850/year Assessing Clerk @ ($18.58 / hr 18 hrs /wk) and ($100 longevity)	53,573	54,587	56,124	72,346	75,342
141-5200	EXPENSES	10,393	8,856	15,735	11,235	9,450
141-5800	CAPITAL	0	0			
		63,966	63,443	71,859	83,581	84,792

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145	**FINANCE DIRECTOR, TREASURER / COLLECTOR**					
145-5100	SALARY & WAGES	74,201	64,717	73,916	97,490	103,125
	(Finance Director, Treasurer / Collector @ $62,935 /year)					
	(Asst. Collector @ $38,500/$40,000 /yr) + Cov.($1,000)					
145-5200	EXPENSES	3,845	4,800	6,030	6,550	7,950
145-5200	TAX TITLE & GASB 45 EXP		6,084	2,723	7,000	5,000
145-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	10,652	9,181	12,010	13,500	14,700
145-5710	OTHER - Borrowing Costs		0			
		88,698	84,782	94,679	124,540	130,775
151	**TOWN COUNSEL / LEGAL**					
151-5200	EXPENSES	3,750	320,000			
151-5210	CONTRACT SERVICE - RETAINER	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
151-5220	CONTRACT SERVICE - OUTSIDE COUNSEL	25,957	49,603	41,574	20,000	20,000
151-5700	OTHER			0	0	0
		36,707	376,603	48,574	27,000	27,000
155	**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**					
155-5100	SALARY & WAGES	3,982	0			
155-5200	EXPENSES	7,527	14,211	15,745	16,550	16,550
155-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	24,969	35,642	46,895	47,590	48,205
155-5700	OTHER (GIS Programs; Web Page Host)	8,755	13,175	14,441	5,000	5,000
155-5800	CAPITAL				0	4,500
		45,233	63,028	77,081	69,140	74,255
159	**TOWN HALL**					
159-5100	SALARY & WAGES	52,037	65,756	87,423	89,254	94,764
	(Permit Office @ $40,049 /yr + $300 longevity)					
	(Admin. Asst. @ $40,792 /yr)					
	(Custodian @ 15 hrs/wk @ $15.61 /hr)					
159-5200	EXPENSES	57,063	53,006	41,097	42,496	54,595
159-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE					
159-5310	Minutes Clerk for Selectmen & Committee meetings	11,510	9,906	8,000	9,000	14,800
159-5320	Cleaning Services	7,227	0			
159-5700	OTHER		9,000	0	0	0
159-5800	CAPITAL		0	0	0	0
		127,837	137,668	136,520	140,750	164,159

HOLD

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161	**TOWN CLERK**					
161-5100	SALARY (@ $44,433 /yr + $300 longevity)	40,352	40,844	41,961	43,002	44,733
161-5200	EXPENSES	1,777	765	308	1,400	1,700
		42,129	41,609	42,269	44,402	46,433
162	**ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION**					
162-5100	WAGES	3,187	4,383	3,147	2,950	2,950
162-5200	EXPENSES	7,983	9,483	8,207	9,783	15,275
162-5700	OTHER		0			
		11,170	13,866	11,353	12,733	18,225
171	**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**					
171-5100	WAGES (@ $20.49 /hour - 19.5 hrs. per wk)	19,179	16,258	16,046	20,169	21,159
171-5200	EXPENSES	2,135	2,550	3,340	4,414	4,435
	WATER RESOURCE & WETLAND PROT. BY-LAW					2,250
		21,314	18,808	19,386	24,583	27,844
175	**PLANNING BOARD**					
175-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	1,545	1,545	1,515	1,545	1,545
175-5200	EXPENSES	500	0	925	500	500
		2,045	1,545	2,440	2,045	2,045
176	**BOARD OF APPEALS**					
176-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	515	515	515	515	515
176-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	150	150
		515	515	515	665	665
195	**TOWN REPORT**					
195-5200	EXPENSES	6,469	8,534	7,240	8,000	7,500
198	**COMMUNITY/REC BUILDING**					
198-5100	WAGES		0			
198-5200	EXPENSES	2,600	3,481	4,649	3,653	7,300
198-5310	CONTRACT SERVICES - Cleaning	1,343				
		3,943	3,481	4,649	3,653	7,300
199	**IRON RAIL PROPERTY**					
199-5100	SALARY & WAGES	8,287	6,288	4,986	0	1,827
199-5200	EXPENSES	4,084	13,013	5,018	2,265	29,250
199-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	2,567	1,617	5,858	10,100	17,307
199-5800	CAPITAL	5,000	1,573	0	0	1,500
		19,938	22,491	15,862	12,365	49,884
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	759,277	1,182,334	829,630	872,195	951,966

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	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
210	**POLICE**					
210-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Chief @ $78,116 - base/year + $300 longevity)	808,859	841,700	859,461	815,927	884,843
210-5200	EXPENSES	53,999	55,896	61,028	64,726	66,726
210-5800	CAPITAL	29,999	30,000	31,346	33,000	20,840
		892,857	927,596	951,835	913,653	972,409
215	**POLICE STATION**					
215-5200	EXPENSES					5,500
						5,500
220	**FIRE**					
220-5100	SALARIES & STIPENDS (Chief @ $55,464 year) (Fire Prevention Officer @ $54,684 /year)	121,927	134,967	146,393	149,546	164,374
220-5110	ON-CALL WAGES	144,487	155,682	147,840	150,000	140,000
220-5200	EXPENSES	58,999	60,494	47,379	58,000	63,000
220-5700	TRAINING (Wages & Expenses)	42,399	42,686	39,121	45,000	55,697
220-5800	CAPITAL		0	0	0	0
		367,812	393,829	380,733	402,546	423,071
231	**AMBULANCE SERVICE**					
231-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	36,480	38,980	41,480	43,980	46,480
241	**BUILDING INSPECTOR**					
241-5100	SALARIES (Building Inspector @ $17,743 /year) (Asst. Building Inspector @ $1,600 /year)	16,198	16,459	16,419	18,827	19,343
241-5200	EXPENSES	0	325	0	200	200
		16,198	16,784	16,419	19,027	19,543
243	**PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**					
243-5100	SALARY (@ $4,201 /year)	3,806	3,882	3,979	4,079	4,201
243-5200	EXPENSES	201	70	300	200	300
		4,007	3,952	4,279	4,279	4,501
245	**ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**					
245-5100	SALARY & WAGES (Electrical Inspector @ $10,484 /year)	8,411	8,579	8,793	9,014	10,484
245-5200	EXPENSES	217	306	40	300	450
		8,628	8,885	8,833	9,314	10,934

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249	**MUNICIPAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS**					
249-5200	EXPENSES	1,634	0	768	700	1,500
249-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	839	858	175	2,000	1,500
249-5800	CAPITAL		0			
		2,473	858	943	2,700	3,000
291	**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE**					
291-5200	EXPENSES	1,853	1,967	1,689	500	2,000
292	**ANIMAL CONTROL**					
292-5100	SALARIES (Animal Control Officer @ $6,578 /year) (Deer Officer @ $2,297 /year) (Beaver Control @ $3,000 /year)	8,200	8,200	8,561	8,616	11,874
292-5200	EXPENSES	375	21	522	750	750
		8,575	8,221	9,083	9,366	12,624
294	**TREE WARDEN**					
294-5100	SALARY (@ $1,424 /year)	1,289	1,315	1,348	1,382	1,424
294-5200	EXPENSES	4,098	346	1,800	1,800	1,800
294-5300	CONTRACT SERVCE	11,712	16,261	26,509	20,000	30,000
294-5700	OTHER - Tree Planting/Replacement - Spraying	0	678	1,760	2,000	2,000
		17,099	18,600	31,417	25,182	35,224
298	**POLICE & FIRE STATION**					
298-5100	SALARIES & WAGES					
298-5200	EXPENSES	19,000	21,023	19,350	27,628	29,822
298-5700	OTHER	4,026	0			
298-5800	CAPITAL		0			
		23,026	21,023	19,350	27,628	29,822
299	**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER**					
299-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Administration Fee to Hamilton of $14,192)	129,876	162,551	153,585	159,208	170,182
299-5700	OTHER		0			
299-5800	CAPITAL	4,818	0		0	0
		134,694	162,551	153,585	159,208	170,182
	TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	1,513,702	1,603,246	1,619,646	1,617,383	1,735,290

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	SCHOOLS					
310	**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
310-5200	ASSESSMENT - Wenham Share	4,491,831	5,017,781	5,408,166	5,787,292	6,048,568
315	**SCHOOL DEBT**					
315-5900	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1991 School Addition/Repairs)	40,803	65,857	66,285	64,533	67,281
315-5910	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1997 New Middle School)	222,441	217,467	212,951	212,053	259,056
315-5920	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (2002 Boiler)	50,903	50,339	49,441	48,653	47,953
		314,147	333,663	328,677	325,239	374,290
	Total Hamilton/Wenham Regional School	4,805,978	5,351,444	5,736,843	6,112,531	6,422,858
320	**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
320-5200	EXPENSES (WENHAM'S SHARE)	63,980	55,489	44,978	37,530	27,861
	TOTAL SCHOOLS	4,869,958	5,406,933	5,781,821	6,150,061	6,450,719

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	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS					
422	**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**					
422-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (DPW Director @ $76,940/yr.) (Foreman @ $27.10 /hr-24/hrs + $400 longevity) Foreman shared w/water dept. (Other Wages @ $19.35-$22.74 /hour)	379,630	384,147	387,489	409,052	451,105
422-5200	EXPENSES	34,800	33,623	26,854	31,109	35,000
422-5700	STREET MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	59,124	59,222	60,379	58,500	62,000
422-5710	OTHER - SIDEWALKS/BIKE PATHS	24,330	23,580	12,057	16,800	
422-5800	CAPITAL	19,551	29,101	26,833	0	42,000
		517,435	529,673	513,612	515,461	590,105
423	**SNOW REMOVAL**					
423-5100	WAGES	21,937	44,284	33,616	36,050	36,050
423-5200	EXPENSES	43,613	72,612	54,000	54,000	54,000
423-5800	CAPITAL	0	0			
		65,550	116,896	87,616	90,050	90,050
424	**STREET LIGHTING**					
424-5200	EXPENSES	34,101	33,478	36,838	48,490	48,490
429	**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**					
429-5200	EXPENSES	35,158	37,501	42,080	40,000	50,000
		35,158	37,501	42,080	40,000	50,000
433	**REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**					
433-5200	EXPENSES	239,000	235,972	223,762	270,700	279,100
491	**CEMETERY**					
491-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Burial Agent - meetings @ $30.33/wk)	1,620	1,615	2,002	2,052	2,114
491-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Burial Agent Salary)	3,734	2,924	3,980	3,500	3,500
491-5700	OTHER - MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE	500	465	500	500	500
491-5710	OTHER - VETERAN'S GRAVES EXPENSE	120	200	0	200	0
		5,974	5,204	6,482	6,252	6,114
495	**GASOLINE & OIL**					
950-5200	EXPENSES	41,755	43,988	56,118	60,711	68,688
		41,755	43,988	56,118	60,711	68,688
	TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	938,973	1,002,712	966,508	1,031,664	1,132,547

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	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
510	**BOARD OF HEALTH**					
510-5100	SALARIES (Inspector of Animals @ $2,165 /year) (Board Members - 3 @ $40 each)	2,000	2,000	2,050	2,222	2,285
510-5200	EXPENSES	1,330	1,652	1,814	2,800	2,800
510-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Health Agent @ $60 /hr	10,100	9,316	10,500	10,500	16,250
510-5700	OTHER	2,218	300	0	300	2,800
		15,648	13,268	14,364	15,822	24,135
541	**COUNCIL ON AGING**					
541-5100	SALARIES (13.86 hrs/wk @ $15.15 /hr - COA Grant $3,741)	379	1,360	4,606	6,968	7,527
541-5200	EXPENSES	3,919	7,639	4,455	5,500	6,900
		4,298	8,999	9,061	12,468	14,427
542	**COUNCIL ON AGING VAN**					
542-5100	SALARIES Supervisor (19 hrs/wk @ $15.15 /hr) Dispatcher & Drivers (@ $10.83-$15.15 /hr.)	29,780	35,027	42,897	43,798	44,704
542-5200	EXPENSES		11,202	6,750	8,845	9,580
542-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES					
542-5800	CAPITAL					
		29,780	46,229	49,647	52,643	54,284
543	**VETERAN'S BENEFITS**					
543-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
543-5700	REGIONAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	12,623	13,559	14,234	14,744	15,347
		12,623	13,559	14,234	15,744	16,347
	TOTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	62,349	82,055	87,306	96,677	109,193

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	CULTURE and RECREATION					
620	**JOINT LIBRARY**					
620-5100	SALARIES & WAGES					
5101	Director (Salary @ $59,424 /yr)	57,667	58,219	56,010	58,224	61,171
	Prof Library Generalist/Grants Administrator		0	0	0	
	Subtotal Administration	57,667	58,219	56,010	58,224	61,171
5102	Head Reference	28,511	30,712	31,411	32,144	33,558
5103	Circulation / ILL (@ $32,673/year + $200 longevity)	28,843	29,295	30,026	30,656	32,873
5104	Young Adult Librarian	33,101	32,947	34,427	35,150	32,673
5105	Childrens	27,624	30,255	31,004	31,665	32,965
5106	Circulation (@ $37,302/yr + $200 longevity)	33,101	33,589	34,427	35,150	37,502
5107	Administrative Librarian (@ $32,673/year & $100 longevity)	28,843	29,195	29,811	30,556	32,773
5108	Technical Services (@ $41,858/year + $400 longevity)	39,514	40,393	41,392	42,257	44,128
	Subtotal Professional	219,537	226,386	232,498	237,578	246,472
5110	Support Staff - 8 Part-time Positions ($12.36-$13.98/hr)	61,402	58,268	58,283	65,980	67,960
	Clerical Assistance					13,363
	Custodian - 25hrs/wk. @ $15.61 /hr.		18,831	19,302	19,708	20,300
	Custodian - 63.5 % of $650 clothing allowance			0	406	406
	3 Shelvers - total 22 hrs/wk. @ $7.92-$8.48 /hr.		5,877	9,051	8,861	9,123
	Subtotal Support	61,402	82,976	86,636	94,955	111,152
	Total Salaries	338,606	367,581	375,144	390,757	418,795
620-5200	EXPENSES					
5201	Library Books	85,371	88,000	88,351	92,000	96,784
5202	Subscriptions & Periodicals	7,822	7,992	8,000	8,000	8,950
5203	Furniture & Equipment	486	522			
5204	Technology	35,026	35,926	35,518	35,674	36,654
5205	General Supplies	13,877	12,100	13,191	13,265	13,265
5206	Memberships, Conference & Travel	1,202	996	1,070	1,070	1,070
5207	Programs	2,732	1,000	994	1,000	1,000
5208	Heat & Utilities	51,480	49,505	59,284	56,000	56,000
5209	Maintenance of Building & Grounds	12,123	19,402	20,820	20,820	20,820
5210	Other		0			0
	Total Expenses	210,119	215,443	227,228	227,829	234,543
620-5800	CAPITAL					
			0	0	0	7,500
	Total Capital	0	0	0	0	7,500
	TOTAL LIBRARY	548,725	583,024	602,372	618,586	660,838

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640	**JOINT RECREATION PROGRAM**					
640-5200	OTHER - JT. RECREATION PROGRAM EXPENSE (Includes $4,606.53 Administrative Fee to Hamilton)	45,115	61,814	54,419	54,958	56,696
		45,115	61,814	54,419	54,958	56,696
650	**PARK DEPARTMENT**					
650-5100	WAGES (Gatekeeper)	4,330	0			3,800
650-5200	EXPENSES	2,794	6,254	2,440	3,050	2,900
650-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES		650	0	650	0
650-5700	OTHER		0			
		7,124	6,904	2,440	3,700	6,700
691	**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**					
691-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	50	300
692	**CABLE TV COMMITTEE**					
692-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	0
693	**TOWN CLOCK**					
693-5100	SALARY (Clockwinder)	1,008	1,038	1,064	1,091	1,124
		1,008	1,038	1,064	1,091	1,124
695	**MAPC TASK FORCE**					
695-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	0
699	**BAND**					
699-5200	EXPENSES	350	325	325	500	500
	TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	602,322	653,105	660,620	678,885	726,158
	FIXED CHARGES					
911	**RETIREMENT**					
911-5200	ESSEX REGIONAL RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	250,144	276,119	295,843	308,782	325,060
911-5210	FORMER EMPLOYEE PENSION	2,288	2,288	2,288	2,720	2,856
		252,432	278,407	298,131	311,502	327,916
914	**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**					
914-5200	GROUP INSURANCE (Health & Life - Town Share)	324,123	399,835	442,653	527,803	536,890
914-5700	UNEMPLOYMENT	7,398	12,266	38	0	500
914-5710	OTHER - BUY-BACK				0	50,000
		331,521	412,101	442,691	527,803	587,390
916	**FICA / MEDICARE**					
916-5200	EXPENSES	23,431	27,198	27,348	29,287	30,751

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945	**GENERAL INSURANCE**					
945-5200	EXPENSES	90,631	89,303	89,623	125,799	130,030
945-5201	EXPENSES - Town Hall Insurance		11,000	11,000	12,650	13,915
945-5700	DEDUCTIBLE FUND	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
		90,631	100,303	100,623	139,449	144,945
	TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	698,015	818,009	868,793	1,008,041	1,091,002
	TOWN DEBT - PRINCIPAL & INTEREST					
710	**PRINCIPAL**					
710-5910-1	PRINCIPAL - ROAD CONSTRUCTION	0	0			
710-5910-2	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-3	PRINCIPAL - JOINT LIBRARY	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
710-5910-4	PRINCIPAL - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-5	PRINCIPAL - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
710-5910-6	PRINCIPAL- TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT	0	0		110,000	232,079
710-5910-7	PRINCIPAL - IRON RAIL BOILER	0	0		13,000	9,500
710-5910-8	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Qunit - Debt Exclusion)				40,000	50,000
710-5910-9	PRINCIPAL - Culverts BANS					0
	Subtotal - Principal	125,000	125,000	125,000	288,000	416,579
751	**INTEREST**					
751-5915-1	INTEREST - ROAD CONSTRUCTION	0	0			
751-5915-2	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	8,583	7,783	6,983	6,183	5,383
759-5915-3	INTEREST - JOINT LIBRARY	51,258	48,458	45,658	42,858	40,058
751-5915-4	INTEREST - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE	13,688	12,888	12,088	11,288	10,488
751-5915-5	INTEREST - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)	10,135	9,535	8,935	8,335	7,735
751-5915-6	INTEREST - TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT	0	940	1,621	0	185,178
751-5915-7	INTEREST - IRON RAIL BOILER		1,353	2,295	1,881	1,685
710-5915-8	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Quint - Debt Exclusion)			16,211	14,584	20,691
710-5915-9	INTEREST - Culverts BANS					65,479
	Subtotal - Interest	83,664	80,957	93,789	85,129	336,697
	TOTAL TOWN DEBT	208,664	205,957	218,789	373,129	753,276
	Subtotal General Fund	**9,653,260**	**10,954,351**	**11,033,112**	**11,828,035**	**12,950,151**

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	WATER DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL REVENUE FUND)					
29	**WATER DEPARTMENT**					
29-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	106,488	107,994	113,639	119,496	125,596
	(Superintendant's Salary @ $67,019/year + $400 longevity)					
	(Asst. Supt. @ $27.10/hr-16 hrs/wk, shared w/ Highway)					
	(Other Wages @ $22.17/hour)					
	(COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES 1 @ $2, 2 @ $1)					
29-5200	EXPENSES	79,646	106,240	143,291	97,600	98,150
29-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	33,993	67,440	16,625	10,180	20,260
29-5800	CAPITAL	38,664	45,629	50,951	97,000	51,000
	Subtotal Water Expense	258,791	327,303	324,506	324,276	295,006
	WATER TANK					
29-5925	PRINCIPAL	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
29-5926	INTEREST	58,085	60,085	52,085	49,085	46,085
29-5926	Debt Service Painting Lord's Hill Tank (BAN - $425,000)					17,000
	Subtotal Water Tank	133,085	135,085	127,085	124,085	138,085
	TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	391,876	462,388	451,591	448,361	433,091
	TOTAL ARTICLE 2	**10,045,136**	**11,416,739**	**11,484,703**	**12,276,396**	**13,383,242**

WAGES	2,824,992
TOWN EXPENSES	3,980,191
H W Reg SCHOOL EXPENSES	6,048,568
H W Reg SCHOOL DEBT	374,290
Reg Vocational School	27,861
CAPITAL	127,340
	13,383,242
TOTAL: ARTICLE 2	

YES ✓ NO —
UNANIMOUS
DECLARED

SIMPLE MAJORITY

ARTICLE 3: Cemetery and Other Trust Funds

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust Funds received in FY2007, as printed in Part I of the Town Reports, and on file with the Town Clerk.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

WILHELM MOVES

ARTICLE 4: Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding

SIMPLE MAJORITY

DECLARE To vote from available funds under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, the sum of $156,231 for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department. YES ✓ NO —
UNANIMOUS

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 5: Leveling Tax Rate

YES ✓ NO —
JACK WILHELM
UNANIMOUS

I DECLARE To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Available Funds or Overlay Surplus to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008. $411,685

SIMPLE MAJORITY

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

MOVED BY TOM TANOUS

ARTICLE 6: Regional Operations Center–Study and Funding

SIMPLE MAJORITY

DECLARE To see if the Town will vote to adopt a resolution supporting the concept of establishing a regional operations center (ROC) for Essex County; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an individual to serve as the town's representative to a committee of similar representatives from other municipalities in Essex County that adopt a similar resolution; and to appropriate a sum not to exceed $1,000 to support the implementation process, or take any action relative thereto. YES — NO —
UNANIMOUS PASS
IMPROVED COVERAGE ON LEVEL EXPANDED BEYOND JUST HAM + WENHA

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

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ARTICLE 7: Emergency Roadway Repair Funding (Phase II)

MOVE TO PASS OVER

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, a sum of money for unforeseen emergency costs related to rainstorm and resulting flooding which occurred in the Town in May, 2006, including infrastructure repairs and replacements to Town roads, consisting of the construction and reconstruction of such roads, related drainage and sidewalk repairs and replacements, and other related repairs, and costs of the Fire, Police and Highway Departments for extra personnel costs, expenses and contracted service

YES — NO — 2/3 REQUIRED

PASSED OVER WITHOUT ACTION AS PROPOSED BY MODERATOR

costs related to such rainstorm and flooding; provided (a) that such borrowing shall be contingent upon the Town voting to exempt the principal of and interest on the amount of such borrowing from the Provisions of Proposition 2½, so called, by the passage of a referendum question under paragraph (k) of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, said referendum question (i) to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at the Buker School in the Town between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. and (ii) to be in substantially the following form: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond to be issued in order to pay for unforeseen emergency costs related to rainstorm and resulting flooding in the Town, including infrastructure repairs and replacements to Town roads, consisting of the construction and reconstruction of such roads, related drainage and sidewalk repairs and replacements, and other related repairs, and costs of the Fire, Police and Highway Departments for extra personnel costs, expenses and contracted service costs related to such rainstorm and flooding?" and (b) that such borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of any federal or state aid received prior to the incurring of such borrowing; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for such costs; or to take any other action relative thereto.

NOT EMERGENCY - NON PUBLIC SAFETY MATTER UNFAVORABLE OR NO ACTION

The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
The Board of Selectmen will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 8: CPA Appropriations

SIMPLE MAJORITY YES _____ NO _____

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation budget; to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2008; and to approve the appropriation to expend or set aside the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, a sum of money for recreational use, a sum of money for the preservation of historic resources, and a sum of money for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; or take any other action relative thereto.

NO COMMENT - NOT IN A POSITION TO — LAW IS SET

The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 9: Community Preservation Act Amendment

SIMPLE MAJORITY YES _____ NO _____

To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 393 of the Acts of 2006, an Act which provides an exemption from taxes assessed under the provisions of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, the portion or portions of real property in the Town of Wenham owned by a cooperative corporation and occupied by any of its members as such member's domicile pursuant to a proprietary lease, enacted by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to the petition of the Town of Wenham voted under Article 9 of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Wenham."

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 10: Operating Budget – Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C (g), and also contingent upon the Town of Hamilton appropriating its proportionate share, to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated for annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District to meet the Town's share of the total operating budget of the District which is approved and funded by the Town of Wenham, or to take any other action thereto. The ballot vote on approval of this appropriation will take place on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at the Buker School, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $154,817 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2007?"

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 11: Capital Override

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, said sum to be raised contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (i-1/2), to be used to fund capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of a dump truck for the Highway Department and the retrofitting of the elementary school for Emergency Management purposes, or take any other action relative thereto; such referendum question to be voted upon by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, May 17, 2007 at the Buker School in said Town between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $113,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of a dump truck for the Highway Department and the retrofitting of the elementary school for Emergency Management purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?"

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 12: Zoning Ordinance Amendment

To see if the Town will vote from Available Funds a sum of money not to exceed $25,000 for a complete revision of the Wenham Zoning Ordinance; or take any other action relative thereto.

APPROVES

The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
The Board of Selectmen will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 13: Water Resource Protection Bylaw Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wenham Water Resources Protection Bylaw, Chapter XVIII, in a form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection, an executive summary of which is attached to this warrant as Appendix A; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommendation is not required.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 14: Water Tower Painting: Additional Funding

To see if the Town will vote to increase the total appropriation and borrowing authorized for the cost of painting the Lord's Hill water tank, by an amount to be recommended by the Water Commission, said amount to be used with the amount approved under Article 7 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting, said amount to be raised by a borrowing under General Laws, Chapter 44 as a general obligation of the town, the principal, interest, and cost of which, however, are to be paid by the water rates; or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommendation is not required.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 15: Canine Control Bylaw

To see if the Town will vote to accept MGL Chapter 140, Section 147A, empowering the town to enact a bylaw relative to the regulation of dogs, and to adopt effective July 1, 2007, a bylaw of the town of Wenham pertaining to the regulation of dogs in substantially the form set forth in Appendix B to the Warrant, or to take any other action relative thereto."

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommendation is not required.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 16: Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of $15,000 from the income on gifts balance in the Cemetery Perpetual Care account(s) to the Highway Department, account 422-5200, to provide for maintenance of the town cemeteries, and to authorize the Town Accountant to effectuate such transfer, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

APPENDIX A

TOWN OF WENHAM
WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION BYLAW AMENDMENT

Amendments to Chapter XVIII of the Town Bylaw include the renumbering of certain existing sections and the adding of various new provisions, as described below:

Section 1: Purpose. In addition to protect water resources and wetlands, the proposed change adds the purposes of maintaining the quality of surface water and groundwater, protecting water supplies, and protecting against flood.

Section 2: Jurisdiction. Vernal pools and reservoirs are added as "resource areas." Definitions are also provided for "wetland resource area protected by bylaw" and "adjacent upland resource area protected by this bylaw."

Section 3: Exceptions. This section specifies procedures for emergency project certification.

Section 4: Requests for Determinations and Applications for Permits. The definition of "consultant fee" has been expanded.

Section 5: Notice and Hearing. The proposed bylaw requires that a public hearing commence within 21 days of the Commission's receiving a complete application. The Commission has 21 days from the close of the hearing to file its decision.

Section 6: Coordination with Other Boards. This new section gives Town boards the opportunity to file written comments and recommendations with the Conservation Commission on an application at or before the public hearing.

Section 7: Determinations, Permits, and Conditions. The proposed bylaw authorizes the denial of a permit for failure to meet the design specifications and for failure to meet "requirements in regulations of the Commission."

The proposed bylaw also states that lands within 200 feet of rivers, ponds, and lakes, and lands within 100 feet of other resources areas, are presumed important to the protection of these resources because activities undertaken in close proximity to resource areas have a high likelihood of adverse impact upon the wetland or other resource.

Other new requirements added in the proposed bylaw are (1) the option for a wildlife habitat study; (2) the presumption that vernal pools, as defined in the new Definition section of the bylaw, perform essential habitat functions; (3) a mechanism for revoking a permit; (4) the ability to combine a decision under the water resource protection bylaw with the Order of Conditions, Order of Resource Area Delineations

(ORAD), Determination of Applicability or Certificate of Compliance issued under the Wetlands Protection Act and Regulations; and (5) the requirement that no work proposed in an application can be undertaken until the permit, ORAD, or determination issued by the Commission has been recorded in the registry of deed or in the registry section of the Land Court.

Section 9: Definitions. In this new section, definitions are added for "adjacent upland resource area", "alter", "bank", "rare species", and "vernal pool".

Section 10: Security. The proposed bylaws requires that performance and observance of the conditions imposed in the permit may be secured either by a bond, deposit of money, negotiable securities, or by accepting a conservation restriction, easement or other covenant enforceable in a court of law.

Section 13: Burden of Proof. This new section provides that an applicant for a permit shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of credible evidence that work proposed in the permit application will not have unacceptable significant or cumulative effects upon a resource area.

APPENDIX B

CANINE CONTROL BY-LAW

1 PREAMBLE.

1.1 Purpose. The purpose of the Wenham Canine Regulation By-Law, hereinafter called the "By-Law", is to:

a. Establish a Town-wide program to register dogs owned by Wenham residents.

b. Establish fees for the registration of dogs and to set fines for violations of the By-Law.

c. Establish rules and regulations for the control of dog complaints caused by nuisance.

d. Authorize a Town Agent to enforce the provisions of the "By-Law".

1.2 Authority. The "By-Law" has been adopted pursuant to the provisions of GLc 140 ~ 147A.

2 PROCEDURE.

2.1 Registration of Dogs. Notwithstanding the provisions of GLc 140 ~ 137 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the registering, numbering, describing and licensing of dogs kept in the Town shall be conducted in the Office of the Town Clerk.

2.2 Manner of Display. The owner or keeper of a dog registered in Wenham shall cause it to wear around its neck or body, a collar or harness to which shall be securely attached a tag in a form as prescribed by the Town Clerk and available at the Town Clerk's office.

2.3 Fees Established. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 139 of Chapter 140 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the annual fees to be charged by the Town for the issuance of licenses for all dogs six (6) months old or older, shall be:

All Dogs (male or female) Ten ($10.00) dollars, per registered dog

Kennel (four (4) or more dogs) Two hundred ($200.00) dollars, maximum fifty (50) tags.

Any owner or keeper of a dog, owned or kept in Wenham as of January 1 of each year, who fails to register that dog on or before January 31 of each year shall pay a late fee of twenty-five ($25.00) dollars in addition to any other fees provided for in this By-Law, for each such dog not registered in accordance with the provisions of this section.

In the event any dog over six (6) months old becomes owned or kept in Wenham after January 1 of each year, the owner or keeper shall register such dog within thirty (30) days of the date the dog became so owned or kept, or pay the late fee as provided for in this section.

No dog shall be licensed for the current year until all fees and fines from the previous year have been paid.

2.4 Fees to Be Paid into Town Treasury. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 147 of said Chapter 140 or any other provision of law to the contrary, all money received from the issuance of dog licenses by the Town, or recovered as fines or penalties by the Town under the provisions of Chapter 140 relating to dogs, shall be paid into the treasury of the Town and shall not thereafter be paid over by the Town Treasurer to Essex County.

2.5 Damages Paid from Town Treasury. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 147 of said Chapter 140 or any other provision of law to the contrary, whoever suffers loss by the worrying, maiming or killing of his livestock or fowl by dogs outside the premises of the owners or keepers of such dogs, shall, after investigation as provided in Section 161 of Chapter 140, be paid from the Town Treasury as provided in Section 161 of Chapter 140.

3 DOG COMPLAINTS FOR NUISANCE.

3.1 Definition of Nuisance. Animal behavior which constitutes a nuisance includes, but is not limited to, the following: molesting passerby or passing vehicles (including bicycles), attacking persons or domestic animals, trespassing on school grounds or other public property, damaging public or private property, barking, whining, or howling in an excessive, continuous, or untimely fashion.

3.2 Duties and Powers of Animal Control Officer. The Animal Control Officer shall attend to all complaints, and other matters pertaining to dogs, and shall take whatever legal action is authorized by law. The Animal Control Officer shall be empowered to enforce this By-Law and no person shall interfere with or hinder, molest or abuse any Animal Control Officer in the exercise of such powers.

3.3 Abandoned and Abused Dogs. The Animal Control Officer shall confine any animal found to be without adequate care, or found in unsanitary or unsafe conditions or that has been abused, abandoned, or neglected. Any such animal shall be confined for not less than ten (10) days.

3.4 Impounded Dogs. Impounded dogs shall be kept for ten (10) days unless reclaimed by their owners. Dogs not claimed by their owners within ten (10) days or placed in suitable new homes, may be humanely euthanized by the Animal Control Officer or by an agency delegated by him to exercise that authority.

3.5 Quarantined Dogs. Any dog which bites a person shall be quarantined for ten (10) days if ordered by the Animal Control Officer. During quarantine, the dog shall be securely confined and kept from contact with any other animals. At the discretion of the Animal Control Officer, the quarantine may be on the premises of the owner. If the Animal Control Officer requires other confinement, the owner shall surrender the animal for the quarantine period to an animal shelter or shall, at his own expense, place it in a veterinary hospital.

3.6 Female Dogs in Heat. If the Animal Control Officer determines that a female animal, in heat, even when confined to the property of the owner or keeper, is attracting other animals to the area, which condition causes disturbance or damage to neighboring property or public areas, the Animal Control Officer may require the owner or keeper to place and keep the animal while in heat in a kennel or to remove it from the area so that the nuisance is abated.

3.7 Uncontrolled Dogs. The Animal Control Officer is authorized to require owners or keepers of dogs to prevent such dogs from running at large in schools, school playgrounds, parks or public recreational areas. The Animal Control Officer is further authorized to require owners or keepers of dogs to restrain their dogs from running at large when it has been determined by the Animal Control Officer that the dog is an annoyance, is dangerous, is known to cause damage in the neighborhood, or further is on the property of an owner who does not wish the dog on his or her property.

3.8 Barking Dogs. If the Animal Control Officer determines that an animal is a nuisance due to excessive barking, whining or howling in a continuous or untimely fashion, the Animal Control Officer is authorized to order the owner or keeper to house the animal.

3.9 Fee and Fine Enforcement. All pound fees, pickup fees and fines including the licensing fee shall be paid by the owner or keeper before release of the dog or dogs.

3.10 Pick-Up Fees. The owner of any stray dog picked up by the Animal Control Officer shall be charged a ten ($10.00) dollar fee.

3.11 Appeal of Order. The owner or keeper of a dog, about which the Animal Control Officer has issued an order, under the above sections of the By-Law, who wishes to appeal the order, may make such an appeal in writing to the Board of Selectmen within ten (10) days of the issuance of the order. In the event of such an appeal the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing.

4 ENFORCEMENT; PENALTY.

4.1 Violation; Fines. Any person violating any provision of the By-Law, other than those provisions of subsection 2.3 relating to the deadline for registering dogs, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of twenty-five ($25.00) dollars for the first offense and fifty ($50.00) dollars for each subsequent offense. If any violation be continuing, each day's violation shall be deemed a separate violation. Complaints will be sought in District Court according to GLc 140 ~ 173A. Under the provisions of this By-Law, the Town Clerk is authorized to accept payment of fines for violations, sought in the District Court.

4.2 Enforcement Officer. The Animal Control Officer and/or Police are hereby authorized to issue a Notice of Violation to an owner or keeper who has violated any provision of the By-Law.

4.3 Enforcement Authority. Notwithstanding the provisions of this By-Law, all other aspects of Chapter 140, Sections 135A through 175 shall still be in effect.

APPENDICES

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APPENDIX NO. 1

RECOMMENDED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED FY2008 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT		DESCRIPTION	AMT	FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ARTICLE 2	SPECIAL ARTICLE	#
CAPITAL						
210	Police	Cruiser Replacements – (2 leased)	20,840	20,840		
422	Highway	Catch Basins	25,000	25,000		
422	Highway	Fuel Canopy	17,000	17,000		
155	IT	Computer Replacement Master Plan	4,500	4,500		
620	Jt. Library	Computer Replacement Master Plan	7,500	7,500		
199	Iron Rail	Barn Septic Tank	1,500	1,500		
450	Water	Hydrant and Meter Replacement	51,000	51,000		
422	Highway	Dump Truck	90,000		90,000	11
291	Emerg. Mgmnt	Electrical Retrofit & Supplies	23,000		23,000	11
OTHER						
175	Planning Bd.	Zoning Ordinance	25,000		25,000	12
450	Water	Additional Funds – Paint Water Tank	75,000		75,000	14
			$340,340	**$127,340**	**$213,000**	

APPENDIX NO. 2

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TOWN OF WENHAM
FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BASIS FOR FY2008 PAYMENTS TO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AS RECOMMENDED IN ARTICLE 2, ITEM 310

I. FY2007 PAYMENTS TO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (Including Overrides)

	HAMILTON		WENHAM			TOTAL
Allocation by Enrollment for FY 2007	69.07%	12,991,660	30.93%	5,787,293	=	18,778,953

II. FY2008 PROPOSED PAYMENTS TO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AS RECOMMENDED BY WENHAM AND HAMILTON FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES (Within Levy Limit - No Override)

	HAMILTON		WENHAM			TOTAL
Allocation by Enrollment for FY 2008	68.72%	13,337,211	31.28%	6,070,837	=	19,408,048
		22,269		(22,269)	=	0
Net Payments for FY 08		**13,359,480**		**6,048,568**	=	**19,408,048**
Change from FY 07		367,820		261,275	=	629,095
Percent Change from FY 07		2.83%		4.51%	=	3.35%

II. FY2008 PROPOSED PAYMENTS TO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AS RECOMMENDED BY WENHAM AND HAMILTON FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES (Includes Override)

Override proposed FY 08	68.72%	**340,121**	31.28%	**154,817**	=	494,938
Total FY 08 Budget including proposed Override		**13,699,601**		**6,203,385**	=	19,902,986
Change from FY 07		707,941		416,092		1,124,033
Total Percent Change from FY 07		5.45%		7.19%		5.99%

NOTE: The two Towns share the total annual budget for the Regional School District on the basis of enrollment. As was the case last year, the number of students from Wenham has continued to increase relative to the number of students from Hamilton.

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District
FY08 SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET
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TOTAL DISTRICT	06-07 Adj.Bud.	Change	% Chng	07-08 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	1,627,271	$53,838	3.4%	**1,697,304**	$70,033	4.3%
Instructional Salaries	$9,957,118	$240,764	2.5%	**$9,886,895**	-$70,223	-0.7%
Instructional Expenses	$454,859	-$17,221	-3.6%	**$407,655**	-$47,204	-10.4%
Utilities	$755,073	$141,873	23.1%	**$809,705**	$54,632	7.2%
Maintenance	$650,559	$8,574	1.3%	**$676,377**	$25,818	4.0%
Custodial Salaries	$539,811	-$8,592	-1.6%	**$539,325**	-$486	-0.1%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$386,459	-$21,095	-5.2%	**$237,158**	-$149,301	-38.6%
Health Services	$169,487	-$625	-0.4%	**$181,569**	$12,082	7.1%
Insurance/Pension/Taxes	$2,746,352	$259,930	10.5%	**$3,139,694**	$393,342	14.3%
Transportation	$601,695	$19,049	3.3%	**$641,222**	$39,527	6.6%
Computer Hardware & Off. Equip	$126,000	-$40,000	-24.1%	**$113,500**	-$12,500	-9.9%
Curriculum & Instruction	$29,200	-$31,253	-51.7%	**$29,200**	$0	0.0%
Special Education	$5,286,345	$868,334	19.7%	**$5,959,975**	$673,630	12.7%
Misc. Expenses	$304,556	$54,726	21.9%	**$306,031**	$1,475	0.5%
Gross Budget Total	23,634,785	1,528,302	6.91%	24,625,610	990,825	4.19%

Non-Tax Revenues	06-07 Adj.Bud.	Change	% Chng	07-08 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Transportation	$331,284	$81,455	32.6%	**$331,284**	$0	0.0%
Chapter 70 Aid	$3,269,343	$176,824	5.7%	**$3,370,393**	$101,050	3.1%
Non-resident Tuition (School Choice)	$430,000	-$45,000	-9.5%	**$580,000**	$150,000	34.9%
Reserves	$504,558	$319,558	172.7%	**$0**	-$504,558	-100.0%
Interest Income	$20,000	$10,000	100.0%	**$40,000**	$20,000	100.0%
Parking Fees	$30,000	-$7,500	-20.0%	**$30,000**	$0	0.0%
Rent/Medicaid/PreSchool/Circuit Breaker/Misc	$270,647	$0	0.0%	**$370,947**	$100,300	37.1%
Total Revenues	$4,855,832	($133,208)	-3.08%	**$4,722,624**	($133,208)	-2.74%

Net Budget Total	$18,778,953	$0	0.00%	**$19,902,986**	$1,124,033	5.99%

FY07 Adjusted Budget Includes Use of Funds From Unreserved Undesignated Fund Balance

Town Appropriations	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng	07-08 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Hamilton Operational Share (by enrollment .6872/FY08)	$12,970,624	$639,598	5.19%	**$13,677,333**	$706,709	5.45%
Wenham Operational Share (by enrollment ..3i28/FY08)	$5,808,330	$353,368	6.48%	**$6,225,654**	$417,324	7.18%

Hamilton Debt Offset	$21,037			**$22,269**		
Wenham Debt Offset	-$21,037			**-$22,269**		

Hamilton Total Assessment	**$12,991,660**	$635,851	5.15%	**$13,699,601**	$707,941	5.45%
Wenham Total Assessment	**$5,787,293**	$357,115	6.58%	**$6,203,385**	$416,092	7.19%

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District
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Cutler	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng	07-08 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$136,731	$165	0.12%	$135,432	-$1,299	-0.95%
Instructional Salaries	$1,282,298	$48,289	3.91%	$1,268,922	-$13,376	-1.04%
Instructional Expenses	$58,140	-$3,910	-6.30%	$41,990	-$16,150	-27.78%
Utilities	$90,722	$18,222	25.13%	$94,889	$4,167	4.59%
Maintenance	$67,444	-$1,641	-2.38%	$76,400	$8,956	13.28%
Custodial Salaries	$75,889	$2,778	3.80%	$77,562	$1,673	2.20%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$6,254	-$2,461	-28.24%	$6,254	$0	0.00%
Health Services	$26,503	$0	0.00%	$27,936	$1,433	5.41%
Other Expenses	$4,750	$4,750		$4,750	$0	
Subtotal	$1,748,731	$66,192	3.93%	$1,734,135	-$14,596	-0.83%

Winthrop	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng	07-08 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$136,356	$165	0.12%	$132,879	-$3,477	-2.55%
Instructional Salaries	$1,245,271	-$47,305	-3.66%	$1,260,023	$14,752	1.18%
Instructional Expenses	$56,780	-$5,440	-8.74%	$47,290	-$9,490	-16.71%
Utilities	$110,221	$23,221	26.69%	$117,164	$6,943	6.30%
Maintenance	$66,094	-$1,641	-2.42%	$70,000	$3,906	5.91%
Custodial Salaries	$75,889	$2,778	3.80%	$77,568	$1,679	2.21%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$7,030	-$2,439	-25.76%	$7,030	$0	0.00%
Health Services	$26,978	-$525	-1.91%	$27,750	$772	2.86%
Other Expenses	$4,750	$4,750	#DIV/0!	$4,750	$0	0.0%
Subtotal	$1,729,368	-$26,436	-1.51%	$1,744,454	$15,086	0.87%

Buker	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng	07-08 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Offices' Salaries	$129,935	$40	0.03%	$134,709	$4,774	3.67%
Instructional Salaries	$906,429	$39,600	4.57%	$945,794	$39,365	4.34%
Instructional Expenses	$41,650	$340	0.82%	$31,030	-$10,620	-25.50%
Utilities	$90,394	$12,194	15.59%	$94,364	$3,970	4.39%
Maintenance	$63,044	-$1,190	-1.85%	$69,250	$6,206	9.84%
Custodial Salaries	$79,925	$4,626	6.14%	$83,971	$4,046	5.06%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$6,254	-$2,461	-28.24%	$6,279	$25	0.40%
Health Services	$26,578	$0	0.00%	$28,011	$1,433	5.39%
Other Expenses	$4,602	$4,602		$4,602	$0	
Subtotal	$1,348,811	$57,751	4.47%	$1,398,010	$49,199	3.65%

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Middle School	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng	07-08 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$242,815	$40	0.02%	**$249,255**	$6,440	2.65%
Instructional Salaries	$2,289,309	$127,501	5.90%	**$2,274,360**	-$14,949	-0.65%
Instructional Expenses	$96,579	-$32,121	-24.96%	**$103,935**	$7,356	7.62%
Utilities	$175,411	$36,411	26.19%	**$189,298**	$13,887	7.92%
Maintenance	$83,594	$13,181	18.72%	**$68,000**	-$15,594	-18.65%
Custodial Salaries	$112,141	-$13,097	-10.46%	**$115,326**	$3,185	2.84%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$16,968	-$4,111	-19.50%	$7,696	-$9,272	-54.64%
Health Services	$43,127	$0	0.00%	**$46,374**	$3,247	7.53%
Other Expenses	$8,887	$8,887		**$8,887**	$0	
Subtotal	$3,068,831	$136,691	4.66%	**$3,063,131**	-$5,700	-0.19%

High School	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng	07-08 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$317,846	-$750	-0.24%	**$332,210**	$14,364	4.52%
Instructional Salaries	$3,867,599	$75,482	1.99%	**$3,764,621**	-$102,978	-2.66%
Instructional Expenses	$201,710	$23,910	13.45%	**$183,410**	-$18,300	-9.07%
Utilities	$258,825	$51,825	25.04%	**$284,190**	$25,365	9.80%
Maintenance	$106,594	-$4,260	-3.84%	**$112,000**	$5,406	5.07%
Custodial Salaries	$167,280	$7,291	4.56%	**$155,298**	-$11,982	-7.16%
Athletics, Xtracurric. & Extend. Respon.	$349,953	-$9,623	-2.68%	**$209,899**	-$140,054	-40.02%
Health Services	$44,051	-$100	-0.23%	**$49,248**	$5,197	11.80%
Other Expenses	$12,079	$12,079		**$12,079**	$0	
Subtotal	$5,325,937	$155,855	3.01%	**$5,102,955**	-$222,982	-4.19%

Special Education	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng	07-08 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$201,071	$36,564	22.23%	**$197,870**	-$3,201	-1.59%
Instructional Salaries	$3,136,038	$259,525	9.02%	**$3,473,650**	$337,612	10.77%
Instructional Expenses	$326,100	$115,066	54.52%	**$409,300**	$83,200	25.51%
Utilities	$25,500	$1,000	4.08%	**$25,500**	$0	0.00%
Transportation	$382,613	$86,081	29.03%	**$488,291**	$105,678	27.62%
Out-of-District Tuition	$1,209,161	$364,236	43.11%	**$1,359,502**	$150,341	12.43%
Other Expenses	$5,862	$5,862		**$5,862**	$0	
Subtotal	$5,286,345	$868,334	19.65%	**$5,959,975**	$673,630	12.74%

Central Offices	06-07 Bud.	Change	% Chng	07-08 Bud.	Change	% Chng
Admin. Salaries/Expenses	$663,589	$54,178	8.89%	**$712,819**	$49,230	7.42%
Instructional Salaries	$366,213	-$2,803	-0.76%	**$373,175**	$6,962	1.90%
Custodial Salaries	$28,687	-$12,968	-31.13%	**$29,600**	$913	3.18%
Utilities	$29,500	$0	0.00%	**$29,800**	$300	1.02%
Health Services	$2,250	$0	0.00%	**$2,250**	$0	0.00%
Insurance/Pension/Taxes	$2,746,352	$259,930	10.45%	**$3,139,694**	$393,342	14.32%
Transportation	$601,695	$19,049	3.27%	**$641,222**	$39,527	6.57%
Computer Hardware & Off. Equip.	$126,000	-$40,000	-24.10%	**$113,500**	-$12,500	-9.92%
Curriculum & Instruction/Staff Development	$29,200	-$31,253	-51.70%	**$29,200**	$0	0.00%
Maintenance	$263,789	$4,125	1.59%	**$280,727**	$16,938	6.42%
Misc. Expenses	$247,577	-$2,253	-0.90%	**$249,052**	$1,475	0.60%
Other Expenses	$21,911	$21,911		**$21,911**	$0	
Subtotal	$5,126,763	$269,916	5.56%	**$5,622,950**	$496.187	9.68%

APPENDIX NO. 3

BOND REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

BOND REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

FY08 est. values
$835,437,133

FY	* $4,550,000 ** School 91 Project	* $24,781,000 ** School 97 Project	* $1,300,000 ** School Boiler	4.54% * $1,294,000 Joint Library	4.54% * $350,000 Lease Buy-out	4.54% $245,000 Fire Truck	4.54% * $244,000 Town Hall	3.969% * $4,207,079 Town Hall	3.969% * $2,151,421 Town Hall	3.969% $39,500 Iron Rail Boiler	3.969% $465,000 Fire Truck	Total Payments	Tax Rate Impact	4.54% $1,471,000 Water Tank
2008	67,281	259,057	47,953	110,058	30,488	25,383	22,735	417,257	206,080	11,185	70,691	1,268,167	1.52	121,085
2009	66,569	260,061	46,632	107,258	29,688	24,583	22,135	385,248	192,203	11,100	71,650	1,217,126	1.46	118,085
2010	56,390	261,661	45,210	104,388	28,868	23,763	21,520	384,898	187,253	10,650	59,400	1,184,000	1.42	115,010
2011	43,633	261,862	43,686	101,448	28,028	22,923	20,890	374,616	182,440	10,213	57,431	1,147,170	1.37	111,860
2012	0	263,960	42,162	103,438	27,168	17,062	20,245	359,735	177,765	0	55,519	1,067,054	1.28	108,635
2013		264,630	0	100,063	26,268	16,388	19,570	340,173	173,090		53,606	993,788	1.19	105,260
2014		265,504		96,613	25,348	15,698	18,880	330,823	168,415		51,694	972,974	1.16	101,810
2015		265,171		88,125	19,418	0	18,183	321,473	163,740		49,781	925,891	1.11	98,323
2016		267,104		84,800	18,705		12,470	312,123	159,065		47,869	902,135	1.08	99,760
2017		268,767		71,440	17,985		11,990	302,773	154,390		45,956	873,301	1.05	95,920
2018		270,752		68,500	17,250		11,500	268,954	144,821		0	781,777	0.94	92,000
2019		271,305		60,500	16,500		11,000	261,032	140,556			760,893	0.91	88,000
2020		0		57,750	15,750		10,500	253,476	136,487			473,963	0.57	84,000
2021				0	0		0	245,846	132,379			378,225	0.45	0
2022								238,144	128,231			366,375	0.44	
2023								230,393	124,058			354,450	0.42	
2024								222,593	119,858			342,450	0.41	
2025								214,744	115,631			330,375	0.40	
2026								206,846	111,379			318,225	0.38	
2027								198,949	107,126			306,075	0.37	
Totals	233,873	3,179,834	225,643	1,154,381	301,464	145,800	221,618	0 5,870,091	0 3,024,965	43,147	563,597	0 14,964,412	0.00 0.99 Avg. Impact	1,339,748

* Debt Exclusion

** School Debt is estimated based on current statistical information
(this will change from year to year as statistical data changes.)

NOTE: Authorized & Unissued: Culverts $1,829,000 Bond Anticipation Note taken out Feb. 9, 2007 @ 3.59%

Lord's Hill Water Tank $350,000

NOTE: Debt payments that were raised in FY05 for the Town Hall/Police Station Budget were encumbered for FY06 and FY 07.
The encumbered monies appropriated for principal payments were used to pay down the bond anticipation notes which reduced the amount of the permanent bonds.

APPENDIX NO. 4

MEDIAN HOME ASSESSED VALUE AND MEDIAN REAL ESTATE TAX

MEDIAN HOME
ASSESSED VALUE & REAL ESTATE TAX

MEDIAN HOME ASSESSED VALUE
2003-2007

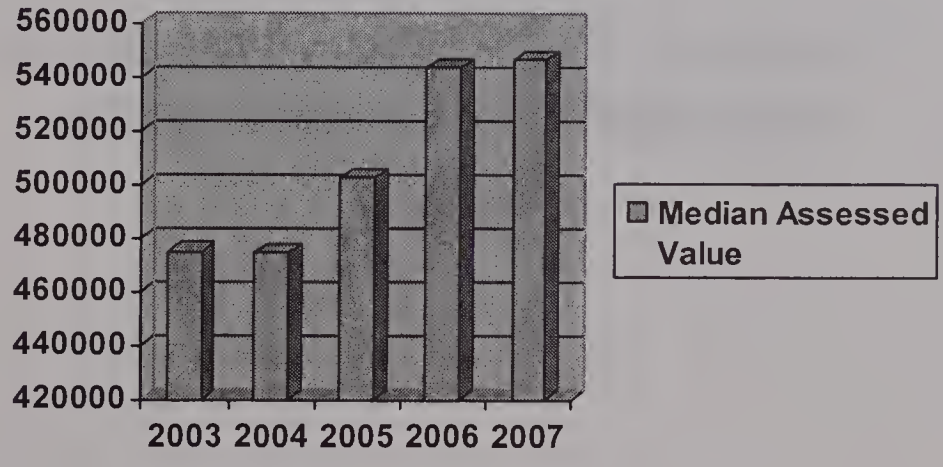
2007	$546,700
2006	543,900
2005	502,700
2004	474,800
2003	475,100

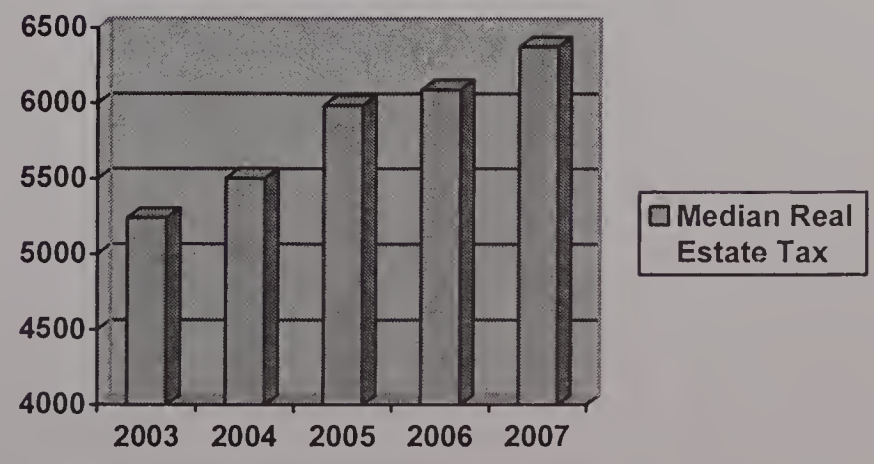
MEDIAN HOME REAL ESTATE TAX
2003-2007

Proposed 2008	$7,078 * **
2007	6,380
2006	6,092
2005	5,987
2004	5,503
2003	5,240

* Assumes no assessment increase

** Assumes all overrides pass with the exception of Art. #7 – Culvert Phase II





APPENDIX NO. 5

RESERVE FUND, FREE CASH & NEW GROWTH SUMMARIES

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RESERVE FUND 2006-2007

Listed are the transfers voted by your Finance and Advisory Committee from July 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007 from the Reserve Fund of $147,000 created at the Annual Town Meeting

Plumbing & Gas Inspector Expense	$	74.00
Iron Rail Expense		3,849.34
Iron Rail Expense		3,143.44
Outside Legal Counsel		7,000.00
Iron Rail Expense		5,985.28
Outside Legal Counsel		7,000.00
Historic District Commission		21.94
Town Hall Expense		5,000.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	$	27,074.00
BALANCE AS OF 3-31-07	$	114,926.00

CERTIFIED FREE CASH 2000-2006

2006	$661,685
2005	421,546
2004	631,437
2003	803,578
2002	687,915
2001	691,247
2000	996,102

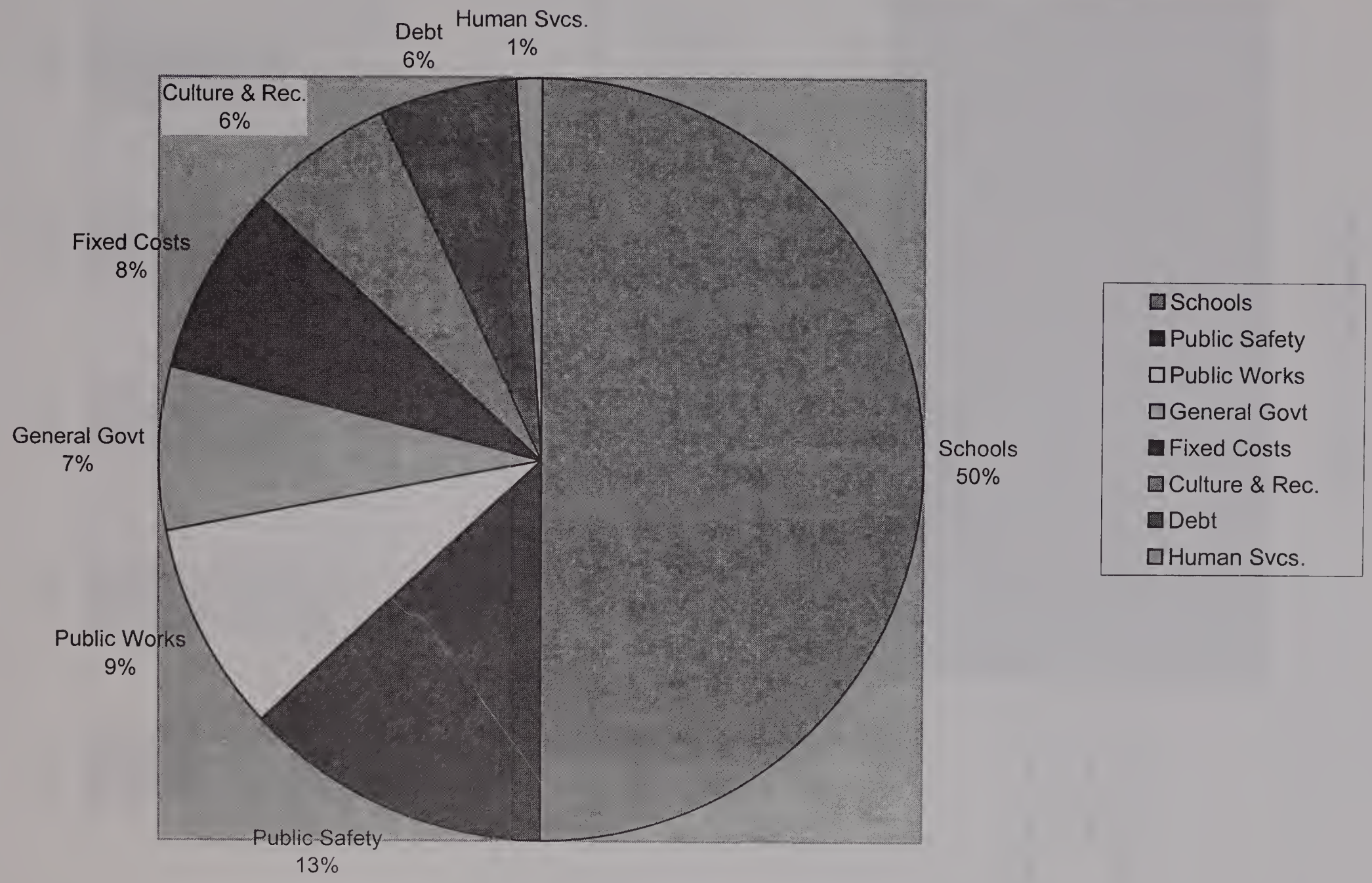
NEW GROWTH 2000-2008

Estimated 2008	150,000
2007	116,948
2006	88,558
2005	112,870
2004	79,274
2003	51,322
2002	94,429
2001	84,358
2000	210,303

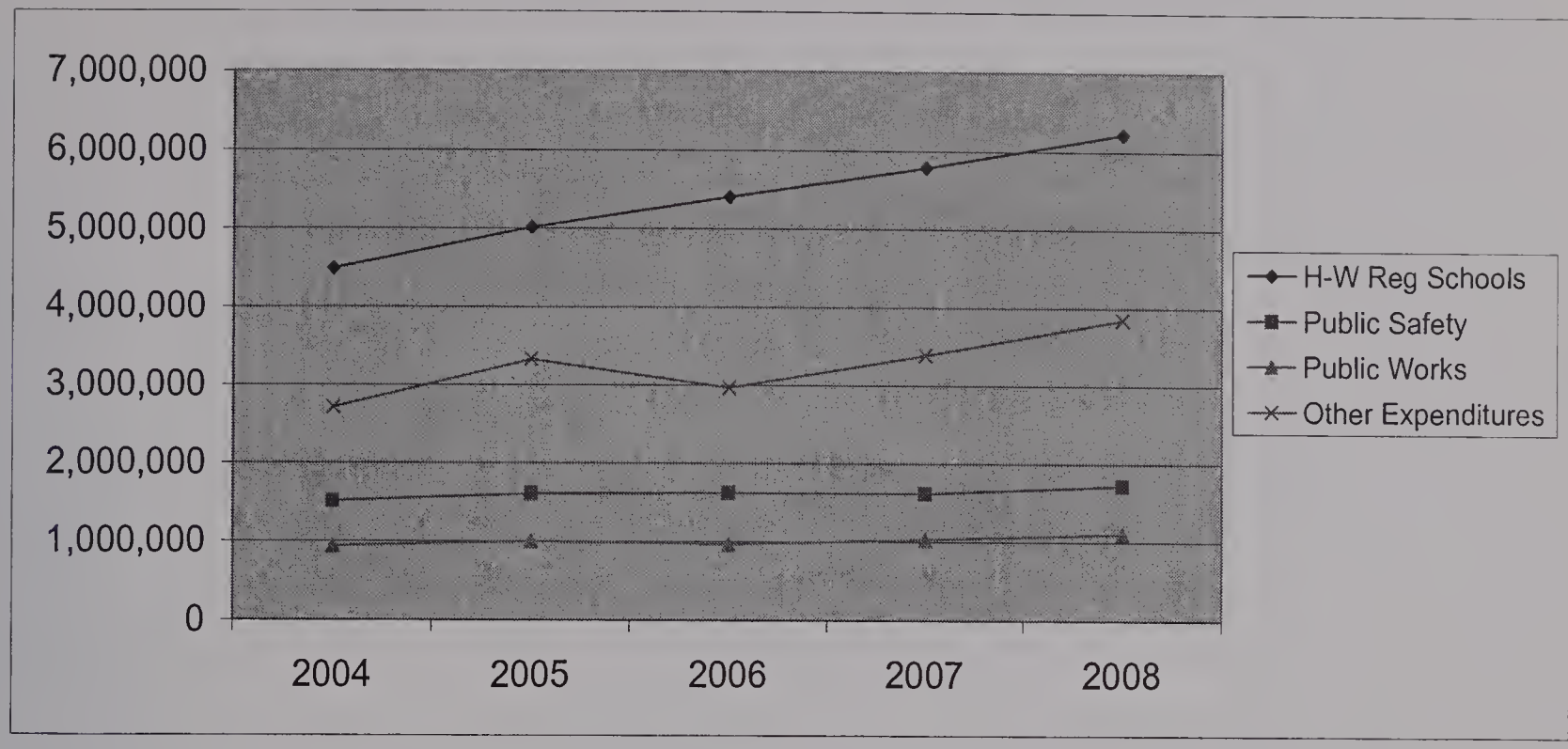
APPENDIX NO. 6

EXPENDITURE GRAPHS

Proposed FY 08 Article 2 (less Water)

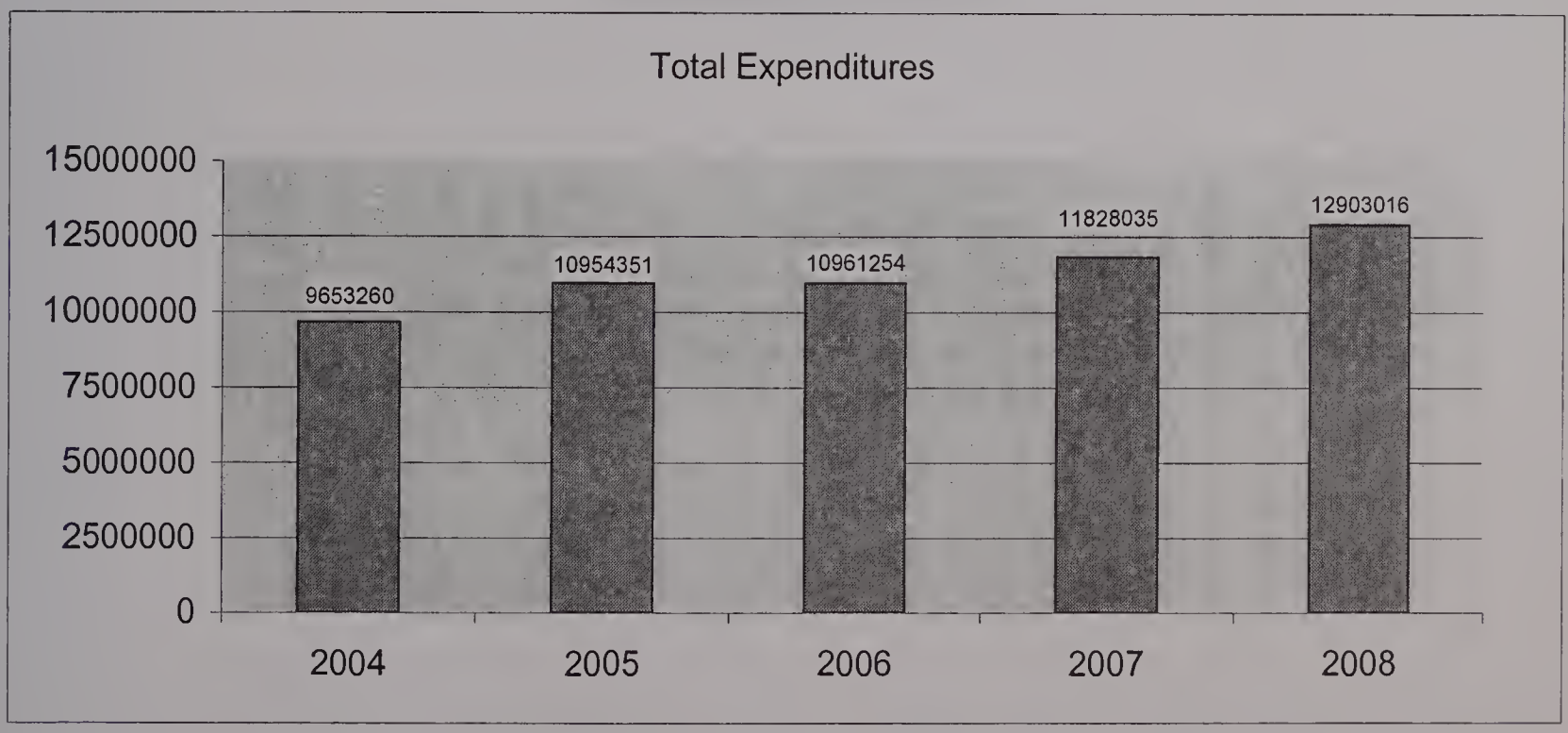


EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY



	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
H-W Reg Schools	4,491,832	5,017,781	5,408,166	5,787,292	6,226,088
Public Safety	1,513,702	1,603,246	1,619,646	1,617,383	1,721,253
Public Works	938,973	1,002,712	966,508	1,031,664	1,104,862
Other Expenditures	2,708,753	3,330,612	2,966,934	3,391,696	3,850,813

TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES BY FISCAL YEAR



% Increase	**2.55%**	**13.48%**	**0.06%**	**7.91%**	**9.09%**

APPENDIX NO. 7

MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMINOLOGY

MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMINOLOGY

The following terms are frequently used in the Annual Town Report and at Town Meeting. In order to provide everyone with a better understanding of their meaning, the following definitions are provided:

Balance as of 3-31-07

FREE CASH: $661,685

Free cash is a community's unrestricted available funds that may be used as a funding source for appropriations. Free Cash is generated when actual revenue collections exceeds budgeted estimates and when actual expenditures are less than budgeted appropriations, or a combination of both.

OVERLAY: (Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions) $81,938

An account established annually to fund anticipated property tax abatements, exemptions, and uncollected taxes in that year. This amount is provided by the Board of Assessors and is raised on the tax recapitulation sheet.

STABILIZATION FUND: $438,425

A fund designed to accumulate funds for capital and other future spending purposes. A community may appropriate in any year an amount not exceeding 10% of the tax levy of the preceding year for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund. Amounts from this fund may be appropriated by a two-thirds vote, at a Town Meeting, for any lawful purpose.

RESERVE FUND: $114,926

An amount set aside annually within the budget of a Town, not to exceed 5% of the tax levy for the preceding year. Transfers from this fund are within the exclusive control of the Finance and Advisory Committee and are for "extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures."

CHERRY SHEET:

An official notification from the State (originally printed on cherry-colored paper), which itemizes State Aid due to communities, as well as State and County charges assessed to communities. The resulting net receipt of funds is used by the Town to offset the "Amount to be Raised". The Cherry Sheet is usually received from the State in the Fall and is necessary before the Board of Assessors can set the tax rate.

Notes

Notes

PRESORT STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
WENHAM, MA
PERMIT 135

POSTAL PATRON
WENHAM, MA 01984

PLEASE ATTEND THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2007
1:00 P.M.

AT THE BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL

TOWN OF WENHAM

2007
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
PART 1

TOWN REPORTS

PART I 2007

To all the citizens of Wenham:

Your Board of Selectmen is pleased to submit this report of our Town's activities in 2007, the twenty-seventh year under Proposition 2 ½ and the seventh of the new millennium.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 3, 2008**. The Warrant for this meeting along with the recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Committee and this Board, will be found in the separate booklet, Part II. We hope you will study it before the hearing on the budget, which will be held at **Buker School** on **Monday, April 28, 2008 at 7:30 P.M**. We trust you will give this budget your consideration and come to the meetings prepared to actively participate in our deliberations.

JOHN A. CLEMENZI, Chairman
PETER A. HERSEE
LAWRENCE SWARTZ

Cover Photo: Renovated Town Hall - 2007

ANNUAL REPORT

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JOHN CLEMENZI, CHAIRMAN, PETER A. HERSEE, LAWRENCE SWARTZ

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK
REPORTS OF TOWN BOARDS,
DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

ELECTED OFFICIALS 2007 – 2008

MODERATOR
Paul D. Weaver (2008) 2009

TOWN CLERK
Frances Harte Young (2008) 2009

SELECTMEN
✓ John A. Clemenzi, Chairman (2009)
Peter A. Hersee (2008)
Lawrence D. Swartz (2010)
HARRIET P. DAVIS 2011

ASSESSORS
~~John F. DeSimone, Chairman (2008)~~
✓ Richard W. Fleming (2009)
Thomas Tanous (2010)
LISA CRAIG 2011 WRITE IN FOR 3 YR TERM

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
Dorothy Maciejoswski, Chairman (2008) 2011
✓ Dr. Bryant Barnard (2009)
Richard T. Caves (2010)

BOARD OF HEALTH
✓ Gerald T. Donnellan, Chairman (2009)
Dr. Miguel A. Martinez (2010)
Dorothy D. Maciejowski (2008) 2011

WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY
Ann M. Shaw, Chairman (2012)
✓ Elizabeth A. Armington (2009)
James J. Stelline (2008) 2013
Marion D'Ambrosio (2011)
~~Marcia A. Molay (State Appointee)~~ MACLEAN
✓ REPLACED BY GAIL MACLEAN
MUST RUN FOR 2 YEAR TERM IN 2009

ELIZABETH CRAIG-MCCORMACK
STATE APPOINTEE TO 12/12/09

TREE WARDEN
Pierre Erhard (2008) 2009

HAMILTON-WENHAM
LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Wendy Daynes, Chairman (2008) Wenham 2011
Doris Gallant (2010) Wenham
✓ Annette Janes (2009) at-large
Madelyn Liberti (2010) Hamilton
~~Joanne Ridinger (2008) Hamilton~~ JANICE PAPPAS 2011
✓ Elizabeth Stanton (2009) at-large

PLANNING BOARD
David E. Geikie, Chairman (2008) 2013
✓ Ernest S. Dodge (2009)
Minot Frye (Appt. 9/07) 2011
Donald J. Killam, Jr. (2010)
Virginia L. Rogers (2012)
~~Gretchen W. Roorbach (2011), resigned~~

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Richard L. Boroff, Chairman (2008)
Denise Bisaillon (2010)
Donald E. Gallant (2010)
Lisa Gaquin (2010)
~~Catherine A. Harrison~~ (2008) RESIGNED DACIA RUBEL MUST RUN 2009
John J. O'Keefe (2009)
William F. Martin (2008)
Alexa McCloughan (2009)
Laurie Wilson (2009)

WATER COMMISSIONERS
Richard M. Carnevale, Chairman (2009) ROBT MOROWEY APPT RUN FOR 3YRS ✓
Ernest C. Ashley (2010)
Richard K. Quateman (2008) 2011

ELECTED STATE AND NATIONAL SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT
Representative (4th Essex District)
Bradford Hill
Senator (1st. Essex & Middlesex District)
Bruce E. Tarr

UNITED STATES CONGRESS
Representative (6th District)
John F. Tierney
Senators
Edward M. Kennedy
John F. Kerry

Town Hall under construction - December, 2007

TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED 2007 - 2008

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Jeffrey A. Chelgren
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE
Nichole Hagstrom
TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Kathleen McMahon
FINANCE DIRECTOR/
TREASURER/COLLECTOR
Sarah F. Johnson
ASST. TREASURER/COLLECTOR
Maureen Walton
ASSESSOR
Stephen Gasperoni
ASSESSOR'S ASSISTANT
Shirley Cashman
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
William Tyack
SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER
Bruce D. Blanchard
SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK
A. Winslow Dodge
PERMITTING OFFICE
Kathleen Teel
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
Charles Brett
OIL BURNER INSPECTOR
Jeffrey Baxter
PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR
Kevin Dash
INSPECTOR OF WIRES
Robert B. Brown, Jr.
CONSERVATION COORDINATOR
Emilie Cademartori
TOWN COUNSEL
Paul D. Weaver
ADA COORDINATOR
Bruce D. Blanchard
AGENT FOR BOARD OF HEALTH
John Jacobi
BURIAL AGENT
Jay Fountain
SURVEYOR OF LUMBER AND MEASURER
OF WOOD AND BARK
Harold W. Boothroyd
WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY
Marian Linden, Exec. Director

DESIGNEE TO WATERSHED DISTRICT
Bruce D. Blanchard
LIQUOR AGENT
Kenneth M. Walsh

FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
John O. Wilhelm, Chairman (2009)
Deborah H. Evans (2007) resigned
Stephen K. Fischer (2009)
Thomas Kyrouz (2008)
Scott B. Mackintosh (2007) resigned
Susan L. Mehlin (2008) 2008 - 2011

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS 03/12/2003
James R. Westra, Chairman (2010) RESIGNED
Anthony M. Feeherry (2009)
Jonathan A. Stringer (2008)
Associate Members
Francis J. McNamara III
Timothy Mansfield APPT TO REGULAR BOARD 03/06/09 TO 06/30/10

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT
COMMITTEE
Patrick Wilson, Chairman
Herbert Cheeseman
Gregory Heppner
Renee MacDonald
Susan Quateman
Virginia Rogers
Jennifer Tymann
Jamie White

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Patrick Wilson, Chairman (2008)
Roland Bonnette (2009) resigned 6/2007
Robert Burnett (2010)
Philip Colarusso (2010)
Leo Maestranzi (2009)
Malcolm Reid (2010)
Kenneth Whittaker (2008)

IRON RAIL COMMISSION
A. Winslow Dodge, Chairman (2009)
Philip Blanchette (2008)
William P. Hidden (2007) resigned 6/2007
James Perkins (2010)
Ted Wadsworth (2009)

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
James Howard, Chairman (2008)
Don Bannon (2009)
Sissi Finn (2009)
Tyson Goodridge (2009), resigned 11/07
David Mehlin (2010)
Lanse Robb (2009)
Jennifer Tymann (2010)
Thomas Zampell (2008)

WISSH
Susan M. Harnisch, Chairman (2008)
Sue Bannon (2008)
Susan Carp (2009)
Jack Hauck (2009)
Peter Hersee (2010) ex officio
Donald Killam (2010)
Donald F. Luxton (2008)
Calvin Perkins (2009)
Patricia Purdy (2010)
Margaret Scoglio (2008)
Ann Mulry Shaw (2008)
Thomas Tanous (2010)

COUNCIL ON AGING
Jack Hauck, Chairman (2010), resigned 12/07
Roseann Brozenske (2010)
Susan Carp (2009)
Jean Eddy (2010)
Richard Eddy (2008)
Mary Kelly (2008)
Lucille Lynch (2010)
Cecile Moscatiello (2008)
Merle E. Welsh (2009)

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR
Trudy L. Reid

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Frances de Lacvivier, Chairman
Laura Carrigan
Tisha Charman
Bill Charman
Patty Cavanaugh
Albert W. Dodge, Jr.
Sue Evans
Mary Hull
Betsy Miller
Moira Riccio
Conrad Willeman

FENCE VIEWERS
Peter A. Hersee
John A. Clemenzi
Lawrence D. Swartz

BOARD OF ELECTION REGISTRARS
David Lund (2010)
Helen Mulry (2008)
Trudy L. Reid (2009)
Frances H. Young, Registrar Ex Officio

ELECTION OFFICERS
Bryan J. Armington
Elizabeth A. Armington
Michelle Lanae Bailey
Polly B. Beyer
Barbara R. Black
Margaret W. Bode
Marion D. D'Ambrosio
Juliana F. Dodge
Joan W. Erhard
Elizabeth F. Ferris
Marilyn E. Flynn
Doris L. Gallant
Stephen B. Gasperoni
Monique B. Greilich
Sarah F. Johnson
Carol E. Kelley
Ruth W. Kingsley
Jo-Ann F. Lund
Lucille G. Lynch
Dorothy D. Maciejowski
Cynthia B. McCue
A. Homer McCue
Paul E. Mendonca
Janice Merry
Debra A. Morong
Barbara A. Morrell
Jane Richardson
Lauren M. Swartz

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Kenneth M. Walsh

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Robert Blanchard

EMERGENCY CENTER OPERATIONS BOARD
Robert A. Blanchard, Wenham
Peter A. Hersee, Wenham

William Tyack, Wenham
Kenneth M. Walsh, Wenham
Anne-Marie Cullen, Hamilton
Walter Cullen, Hamilton
Steven Kenney, Hamilton
Philip Stevens, Hamilton

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS
Carol Larocque
Laura Ktistes, Assistant

ANIMAL INSPECTOR
Anne Jackman

INDIGINOUS ANIMAL CONTROL
Stephen Kavanagh

POLICE
Kenneth M. Walsh, Chief
Lawrence E. Kavanagh, Lt.
Sergeant Thomas C. Perkins
Sergeant Jeffrey W. Tobey
Patrolman David J. Doyle
Patrolman Donald Woodbury
Patrolman Jonathan B. Gray
Detective Mark S. Fraser
Patrolman Christopher J. Machain
Patrolman Michael Mscisz
Susan M. Hersee, Secretary
Mark S. Fraser, Keeper of the Lock-up
Shane M. Kavanagh, Keeper of the Lock-up
Chad P. Labrie, Keeper of the Lock-up
Paul Mendonca, Constable
Brent T. Morong, Constable
Dean W. Pedersen, Chaplain
Kenneth M. Walsh, Liquor Agent

RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS
Matthew Almeida
Robert C. Breaker
Joy Fleck
William J. Foley
Timothy H. Ingraham
Shane Kavanagh
Laura Ktistes
Chad Labrie
David Marsh
Brent T. Morong
Michael F. Perry
Brian J. Pratt
Paul B. Rideout
Richard Sherry

POLICE MATRONS
Janice M. Benevento
Joy Fleck
Susan Hersee
Laura Ktistes
Heather Osborn
Theresa Poste
Cynthia Shaw
Beatrice Silva
Laura Wheatley
Joanne Lennon

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Robert A. Blanchard, Chief
Stephen Kavanagh, Deputy Chief
Jeffrey Baxter, Captain and Fire Prevention Officer
Daniel Sullivan, Captain
Robert Brown, Lieutenant
Eric Fowler, Lieutenant
Thomas Raymond, Lieutenant
David Raymond, Lieutenant
Thomas Curran, Senior Firefighter
Joseph Cloutier, Senior Firefighter
William Pantos, Senior Firefighter
Leonard Tuneburg, Senior Firefighter
Robert Wallace, Senior Firefighter
Richard Bertone
Michael Binns
Gary Blaney
Mark Gates
Frank Halpin
Eric Johnson
Christopher Jones
Michael Jones
William Jones
John Joyce
Walter Leszczynski Sr.
Kevin MacDonald
Jeffrey A. O'Brien
James Romeos
Brad Saunders
Richard Sweeney, Jr.
Michael Symes
Robert Viel
William Wildes

HAMILTON-WENHAM LIBRARY
Jan Dempsey, Director
Michele Augeri
Diane Barrett
Jeannine Curtis
Nancy Day

Lorraine Der
Cindy Grove
Julie Preston

MARY BLANTN
PRUDY PILKANIS
LORRIE BERRY

HAMILTON-WENHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL
Joanne Jones, Co-Chair, Wenham (2008)
Margaret Crossan, Wenham (2008)
Helen Ribet, Wenham (2009)
Theresa Weinheimer, Wenham (2010)
Chris Eaton, Co-Chair, Hamilton
Sara DelRio, Hamilton
Mary Anne Ciriello, Hamilton
Mary Jo Favazzo, Hamilton
Meredith Gisness, Hamilton

HAMILTON-WENHAM JOINT RECREATION
Robert Kerrigan, Chairman, Wenham (2010)
Denis Curran, Jr., Wenham (2009)
Renee LaForce-MacDonald, Wenham (2008)
Jay Butler, Hamilton
Jane M. Lyman, Hamilton
Lindle Willnow, Hamilton
Maggie Whitesell, Director

HAMILTON-WENHAM TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Margaret Whittaker, Wenham
Tom Cannon, Hamilton
Charlie Carrigan, Hamilton
Kimberly Jaeger, Hamilton
Rob McKean, Hamilton

MAPC
Theodore Wadsworth (2009)

MBTA
Don Costin (2008)

NORTH SHORE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
William O. Nichols (2008)

EASTERN ESSEX DISTRICT VETERANS' SERVICES
Terrance Hart, Director

AUDIT COMMITTEE
Jeff Chelgren
Peter Hersee
Sarah Johnson
Richard Jones
Kathleen McMahon
John O. Wilhelm

RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Conrad Willeman, Chairman
Elizabeth R. Colt
Gerald Donnellan
Frances de Lacvivier
Betsy Miller
Renee LaForce-MacDonald
Kathryn Mansfield

AD HOC COMMITTEES

TOWN HALL & POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE (5/2002)
John Darling, Chairman
Donald Bannon
Tod Brainard
Jeff Chelgren
John Clemenzi
Harriet Davis
James Howard
Judy LeBlanc
David Mehlin
William Nichols
Benjamin Tymann
Kenneth Walsh
Kenneth Whittaker

ROUTE 97 LIGHT COMMITTEE (1/2003)
Thomas Tanous
William Tyack, Director of Public Works
Gerald Donnellan
Don Killam
Bessie Marlyn Oro
Robert Moroney

CAPITAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (6/2005)
Eric Lustig, Chairman
David Carey
Daniel Chansky
Jeff Chelgren
Paul Syzmanski
Steve Loeper
Newell Penniman
William Tyack
Candace Wheeler

BOULDER LANE STUDY COMMITTEE (8/2005)
Daniel Beckman
Donald Hodgman
Michael Parker
Gregory Redinbo

AFFORDABLE HOUSING MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE (5/2007)
Ann Shaw, Chairman
Susan Harnisch
Jane Pedersen
Lawrence D. Swartz
Patrick Wilson

ZONING ORDINANCE RE-WRITE COMMITTEE (5/2007)
David Geikie
David Mehlin
Eric Lustig
Judy LeBlanc
Kenneth Whittaker
Martin Pomeroy
Paul Weaver

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
Bruce Blanchard
Robert Blanchard
Stuart Corning
Peter A. Hersee, Ex-Officio
Donald Luxton
Stephen Kavanagh
Howard Morong
Thomas Tanous
Kenneth M. Walsh
Robert Woodbury

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Calendar year 2007 will be remembered as a period of momentous change for our community. Public facility construction projects, infrastructure repairs, and operational and procedural modifications have redefined the town both physically and functionally.

The Board of Selectmen experienced a change in composition as Tom Tanous left the Board after serving eight years. Tom will continue to serve as the Chairman of the Route 97 Traffic Light Committee, a member of an ad hoc committee studying the acquisition of the Dearborn Property, and will serve as a member of the Board of Assessors. Larry Swartz was elected to fill this vacated position and he brings with him 7 years of experience on the Finance and Advisory Committee.

Construction dominated the Town's agenda throughout calendar year 2007. The Town Hall and Police Station building project stood as the most important action of the year, as well as the most aggressive construction project ever undertaken by the town. This significant public improvement project began in late 2006 and continued through 2007. Renovation of the historic Town Hall will provide approximately 7,500 sq. ft. of much needed space for the town offices and the newly constructed Police Station will offer approx. 5,000 sq.ft. of office, detention, and sally port areas for the Police Department. The overall project is anticipated to cost the town $6,852,421 with completion of both buildings expected to occur in late January or February, 2008.

In May, 2006, the greater New England area was hit with a series of severe rain storms that lasted over 4 days, causing wide-spread flooding and damage to private property and public infrastructure. The Town of Wenham sustained damage to five culvert structures spanning the Miles River corridor and experienced significant flooding in the Burnham Road/Route 97 area due to drainage limitations. At a September, 2006, Special Town Meeting, the Town appropriated $1.8 million to replace three of the five damaged culverts and to resolve the drainage restrictions at the Burnham Road/Topsfield Road intersection. Related work began in late 2006 and was completed in the Spring of 2007. It is anticipated that up to 80% of the expenditure is eligible for reimbursement by the Federal Highway Administration under an emergency relief funding package.

Throughout 2007 the town continued with the development of plans for a new traffic light at the intersection of Topsfield Road, Maple Street, and Cherry Street. The intersection improvement plans were completed in the Fall, the project put out to bid in November, and the associated contract awarded in late December. It is anticipated that work will begin in May and will be substantially complete by December, 2008.

Other projects occurred throughout the year. The Highway Department garage was substantially renovated after a February fire damaged the interior of the structure. Bill Tyack, DPW Director, used the insurance proceeds to replace heating and ventilation equipment, install new roofing and exterior siding, and to perform upgrades to the interior of the garage bay area and the Highway Department offices. Work also began on implementation of a Pleasant Pond Recreation Area Master Plan that involves the re-grading of the parking lot, installation of extensive rock retaining walls, installation of a gate house, improvements to the boat ramp, and overall landscaping.

In July, Police Chief Ken Walsh, Fire Chief Bob Blanchard, and DPW Director Bill Tyack began fulfilling an Emergency Implementation Plan that envisions the conversion of the Buker School gymnasium for use as an emergency shelter. This entailed the re-wiring of the gym, cafeteria, and basement in order for the electricity servicing these areas to be supplied by a portable generator during catastrophic events. The effort also involves the development of an emergency provisions storage facility that will store blankets, cots, and food and medical supplies.

In 2007 the Board of Selectmen took action to appoint new committees associated with the establishment of an Affordable Housing Master Plan, the re-writing of the Town Zoning Ordinance, and a new Wenham Recycling Committee. Warrant articles related to all three efforts are expected to be ready for action at the May 3, 2008, Annual Town Meeting.

Wenham also took steps in 2007 to establish a new, non-profit, Hamilton-Wenham Community Access and Media Corporation for the administration of a shared cable television studio and operation housed in the H-W High School. The new local cable television operation and facility became the responsibility of the two communities through the negotiation of the last franchise license granted to Comcast by both Boards of Selectmen. In this license negotiation process, the two communities agreed to assume the responsibility for provision of cable television services to both Hamilton and Wenham and Comcast agreed to contribute the estimated cost associated with the operational and capital expenses of this new undertaking over a 10 year period of time. A newly established non-profit board will administer the operations and the associated budget.

Budget constraints and rapidly increasing demands on our limited resources continue to force the Town to review opportunities for new revenue sources and options for reducing costs associated with the provision of services. Throughout 2007, the Board of Selectmen focused significant resources on the pursuit of payment-in-lieu of taxes (P.I.L.O.T.) programs with non-profit institutions such as Gordon College, on-going public/private negotiations associated with the development of the land known as "Boulder Lane," and the pursuit of State and Federal grants. These efforts are vital and will be ongoing over the next 1-2 years.

The operations of the Town continue to be dependent upon the many volunteers who dedicate numerous hours of service on town boards and committees. We are lucky to have a talented and educated populace that continues to understand and respond to this need. We are thankful to the many citizens who volunteer their time to make a difference in Wenham and to help preserve the quality of life that we all enjoy in this rural New England community.

Board of Selectmen

John A. Clemenzi
Peter A. Hersee
Lawrence Swartz

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

2007 MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION AND MEETING Saturday, May 5, 2007

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION Thursday, May 17, 2007
Emergency Road Repair Funding (Phase II)
Operating Budget – Regional School District
Capital Override

Responsibilities of the Town Clerk include the setup and running of all elections and the recording and reporting of each, as well as the certification and permanent recording of all transactions of every town meeting. All bylaw and zoning bylaw changes must be filed, along with certifications of the Town's votes on the changes, with the State Attorney General for approval or disapproval.

In addition to elections, the Town Clerk is responsible for the taking and recording of the annual census, from which are generated the voter list, street list, school population projections, senior citizen statistics, and any general information as required.

The Clerk must record and file all birth, marriage, and death certificates for the town, as well as be prepared to issue certified copies of such materials upon request. Marriage licenses are drawn up in the Clerk's office. Genealogical searches and services are also provided.

Numerous items are available from the clerk's office, including dog tags and licenses, small business certificates, raffle permits, and hunting and fishing licenses, as well as recycling receipts and recycling bins and stickers for large containers.

Following are some of Wenham's statistics and recordings of meetings and elections.

POPULATION AS OF APRIL 2007

Residents	3819
Gordon College	1235
Total	5054

REGISTERED VOTERS AT CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Democratic Party	488
Libertarian Designation	5
Republican Party	723
Interdependent Third Party Designation	2
No Party	1259
TOTAL	2477

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 431, which prohibits the sale or distribution of the names of children under the age of seventeen, births are not published in the Town Report. No information about children is available from the Town Clerk's office. The total number of births recorded in Wenham for 2007 was 29.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF WENHAM IN 2007

Adrienne Randall Smolik and Cesar Raul Toledo, June 2
Christine Ann Austin and William Eric Wildes, July 22
Julie A. Chilton and Henry P. Phippen, September 1
Kristin G. Klebe and Randy D. Payne, September 15
Trina B. Massa and Darin Christopher Chin-Aleong, October 12
Abigail Amanda St-Hilaire and Aaron Thomas Butt, October 6
Amy Baxter and Robert J. Brown, November 10
Amy Elizabeth Decoste and Joshua Seth Toso, November 24
Leandra Marie Harrison and Nicholas William Defeo, December 29

DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF WENHAM IN 2007

Emily Georgina Smith 87
Warren Le Roy Newman 85
David E. Sullivan 94
Edmund Peter Burke 73
Diana Fay Hoggard 61
Eleanor E. Landers 83
Helen Agnes Gonsiorowski 82
Ronald L. Theriault 59
Eileen P. White 67
Richard A. Durkee, Sr. 80
Viola M. Stelline 77
Bonita Rae Schultz 69
Jane Porter 57
Margaret Elliott Hansen 85
Francis Livingston 71
Arlene Mary Lerette 74

Alan Mcilvain 85
Helen F. Coughlin 97

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
BIRTHS	31	44	36	42	35	32	31	29
MARRIAGES	9	8	8	8	10	9	8	9
DEATHS	25	33	31	26	29	25	37	18

FEES TO THE TOWN OF WENHAM FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2007 FOR THE SALES OF: Recycling Permits, Recycling Bins; Small Business Certificates (DBA's); Raffle Permits; Street Lists; Marriage Licenses; Certified Copies of Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates; Dog Tags and Licenses; Voter Lists and Dog Lists; miscellaneous requirements: $8,527.53

FEES TO THE TOWN OF WENHAM FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2007 FOR THE SALES OF HUNTING, FISHING, SPORTING, AND TRAPPING LICENSES

Reimbursement to the State of Massachusetts $446.25

Reimbursement to the Town of Wenham $ 25.75

Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

Representative Brad Hill presenting at a Council on Aging Coffee

TOWN OF WENHAM
WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2007

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Saturday the Fifth of May, 2007, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles. "Article One," the election of officers to be by official ballot from 8:00AM until 12:00 NOON; the remaining articles to be acted upon at 1:00PM, and if not completed, the meeting to be reconvened on Monday, May 7, 2007 at 7:30PM, at the Bessie Buker School, and to vote on ballot questions at the Special Election on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM.

ARTICLE ONE Election of Town Officers

Moderator, for one year; Town Clerk, for one year; one Selectman for three years; one Assessor for three years; one Assessor for two years; one Planning Board member for five years; Tree Warden for one year; one Board of Health member for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for two years; one Water Commissioner for three years; one Housing Authority member for five years; one Hamilton Wenham Library Trustee for three years; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE TWO Budget Appropriations

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray the Town expense of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2008) beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

ARTICLE THREE Cemetery and Other Trust Funds

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust Funds received in FY2007, as printed in Part I of the Town Reports, and on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE FOUR Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding

To vote from available funds under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, the sum of $156,231 for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

ARTICLE FIVE Leveling the Tax Rate

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Available Funds of Overlay Surplus to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008.

ARTICLE SIX Regional Operations Center - Study and Funding

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a resolution supporting the concept of establishing a regional operations center (ROC) for Essex County; and further to

authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an individual to serve as the town's representative to a committee of similar representatives from other municipalities in Essex County that adopt a similar resolution; and to appropriate a sum not to exceed $1,000 to support the implementation process, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE SEVEN Emergency Roadway Repair Funding (Phase II)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, a sum of money for unforeseen emergency costs related to rainstorm and resulting flooding which occurred in the Town in May, 2006, including infrastructure repairs and replacements to Town roads, consisting of the construction and reconstruction of such roads, related drainage and sidewalk repairs and replacements, and other related repairs, and costs of the Fire, Police and Highway Departments for extra personnel costs, expenses and contracted service costs related to such rainstorm and flooding; provided (a) that such borrowing shall be contingent upon the Town voting to exempt the principal of and interest on the amount of such borrowing from the Provisions of Proposition 2½, so-called, by the passage of a referendum question under paragraph (k) of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, said referendum question (i) to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at the Buker School in the Town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM, and (ii) to be in substantially the following form: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond to be issued in order to pay for unforeseen emergency costs related to rainstorm and resulting flooding in the Town, including infrastructure repairs and replacements to Town roads, consisting of the construction and reconstruction of such roads, related drainage and sidewalk repairs and replacements, and other related repairs, and costs of the Fire, Police and Highway Departments for extra personnel costs, expenses and contracted service costs related to such rainstorm and flooding?" and (b) that such borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of any federal or state aid received prior to the incurring of such borrowing; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for such costs, or to take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE EIGHT CPA Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation budget; to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2008; and to approve the appropriation to expend or set aside the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, a sum of money for recreational use, a sum of money for the preservation of historic resources, and a sum of money for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE NINE Community Preservation Act Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 393 of the Acts of 2006, and Act which provides an exemption from taxes assessed under the provisions of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, the portion or portions of real property in the Town of Wenham owned by a cooperative corporation and occupied by any of its members as such member's domicile pursuant to a proprietary lease, enacted by the

General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to the petition of the Town of Wenham voted under Article 9 of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Wenham.

ARTICLE TEN Operating Budget - Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C (g), and also contingent upon the Town of Hamilton appropriating its proportionate share, to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated for annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District to meet the Town's share of the total operating budget of the District which is approved and funded by the Town of Wenham, or to take any other action thereto. The ballot vote on approval of this appropriation will take place on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at the Buker School, from 7:00AM to 8:00PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $154,817 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2007?"

ARTICLE ELEVEN Capital Override

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, said sum to be raised contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (i-1/2), to be used to fund capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of a dump truck for the Highway Department and the retrofitting of the elementary school for Emergency Management purposes, or take any other action relative thereto; such referendum question to be voted upon by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, May 17, 2007 at the Buker School in said Town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $113,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of a dump truck for the Highway Department and the retrofitting of the elementary school for Emergency Management purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?"

ARTICLE TWELVE Zoning Ordinance Amendment

To see if the Town will vote from Available Funds a sum of money not to exceed $25,000 for a complete revision of the Wenham Zoning Ordinance; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN Water Resource Protection Bylaw Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wenham Water Resources Protection Bylaw, Chapter XVIII, in a form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection, an executive summary of which is attached to this warrant as Appendix A; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN Water Tower Painting: Additional Funding

To see if the Town will vote to increase the total appropriation and borrowing authorized for the cost of painting the Lord's Hill water tank, by an amount to be recommended by the Water Commission, said amount to be used with the amount approved under Article 7 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting, said amount to be raised by a borrowing under General Laws, Chapter 44 as a general obligation of the town, the principal, interest, and cost of which, however, are to be paid by the water

rates; or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN Canine Control Bylaw

To see if the Town will vote to accept MGL Chapter 140, Section 147A, empowering the town to enact a bylaw relative to the regulation of dogs, and to adopt effective July 1, 2007, a bylaw of the town of Wenham pertaining to the regulation of dogs in substantially the form set forth in Appendix B to the Warrant, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of $15,000, from the income on gifts balance in the Cemetery Perpetual Care account(s) to the Highway Department, account 422-5200, to provide for maintenance of the town cemeteries, and to authorize the Town Accountant to effectuate such transfer, or take any other action relative thereto.

APPENDIX A Water Resources Protection Bylaw Amendment

Amendments to Chapter XVIII of the Town Bylaw include the renumbering of certain existing sections and the adding of various new provisions, as described below:

Section 1: Purpose. In addition to protect water resources and wetlands, the proposed change adds the purposes of maintaining the quality of surface water and groundwater, protecting water supplies, and protecting against flood.

Section 2: Jurisdiction. Vernal pools and reservoirs are added as "resource areas." Definitions are also provided for "wetland resource area protected by bylaw" and "adjacent upland resource area protected by this bylaw."

Section 3: Exceptions. This section specifies procedures for emergency project certification.

Section 4: Requests for Determinations and Applications for Permits. The definition of "consultant fee" has been expanded.

Section 5: Notice and Hearing. The proposed bylaw requires that a public hearing commence within 21 cays of the Commission's receiving a complete application. The Commission has 21 days from the close of the hearing to file its decision.

Section 6: Coordination with Other Boards. This new section gives Town boards the opportunity to file written comments and recommendations with the Conservation Commission on an application at or before the public hearing.

Section 7: Determinations, Permits, and Conditions. The proposed bylaw authorizes the denial of a permit for failure to meet the design specifiactions and for failure to meet "requirements in regulations of the Commission."

The proposed bylaw also states that lands within 200 feet of rivers, ponds, and lakes, and lands within 100 feet of other resources areas, are presumed important to the protection of these resources because activities undertaken in close proximity to resource areas have a high likelihood of adverse impact upon the wetland or other resource.

Other new requirements added in the proposed bylaws are (1) the option for a wildlife habitat study; (2) the presumption that vernal pools, as defined in the new Definition section of the bylaw, perform essential habitat functions; (3) a mechanism for revoking a permit; (4) the ability to combine a decision under the water resource protection bylaw with the Order of Conditions, Order of Resource Area Delineations (ORAD), Determination of Applicability of Certificate of Compliance issued under the Wetlands Protection Act and Regulations; and

(5) the requirement that no work proposed in an application can be undertaken until the permit, ORAD, or determination issued by the Commission has been recorded in the registry of deed or in the registry section of the Land Court.

Section 9: Definitions. In this new section, definitions are added for "adjacent upland resource area", "alter", "bank", "rare species", and "vernal pool".

Section 10: Security. The proposed bylaw requires that performance and observance of the conditions imposed in the permit may be secured either by a bond, deposit of money, negotiable securities, or by accepting a conservation restriction, easement or other covenant enforceable in a court of law.

Section 13: Burden of Proof. This new section provides that an applicant for a permit shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of credible evidence that work proposed in the permit application will not have unacceptable significant or cumulative effects upon a resource area.

APPENDIX B Canine Control By-Law

1 PREAMBLE

1.1 Purpose. The purpose of the Wenham Canine Regulation By-Law, hereinafter called the "By-law", is to:

a. Establish a Town-wide program to register dogs owned by Wenham residents.

b. Establish fees for the registration of dogs and to set fines for violations of the By-Law.

c. Establish rules and regulations for the control of dog complaints caused by nuisance.

d. Authorize a Town Agent to enforce the provisions of the "By-Law".

1.2 Authority. The "By-Law" has been adopted pursuant to the provisions of GLC 140-147A,

2. PROCEDURE

2.1 Registration of Dogs. Notwithstanding the provisions of GLC 140-137 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the registering, numbering, describing and licensing of dogs kept in the Town shall be conducted in the Office of the Town Clerk.

2.2 Manner of Display. The owner or keeper of a dog registered in Wenham shall cause it to wear around its neck or body, a collar or harness to which shall be securely attached a tag in a form as prescribed by the Town Clerk and available at the Town Clerk's office.

2.3 Fees Established. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 139 of Chapter 140 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the annual fees to be charged by the Town for the issuance of licenses for all dogs six (6) months old or older, shall be:

All Dogs (male or female) Ten ($10.00) dollars, per registered dog

Kennel (four (4) or more dogs) Two hundred ($200.00) dollars, maximum fifty (50) tags.

Any owner or keeper of a dog, owned or kept in Wenham as of January 1 of each year, who fails to register that dog on or before January 31 of each year shall pay a late fee of twenty-five ($25.00) dollars in addition to any other fees

provided for in this By-Law, for each such dog not registered in accordance with the provisions of this section.

In the event any dog over six (6) months becomes owned or kept in Wenham after January 1 of each year, the owner or keeper shall register such dog within thirty (30) days of the date the dog became so owned or kept, or pay the late fee as provided for in this section.

No dog shall be licensed for the current year until all fees and fines from the previous year have been paid.

2.4 Fees to Be Paid into Town Treasury. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 147 of said Chapter 140 or any other provision of law to the contrary, all money received from the issuance of dog licenses by the Town, or recovered as fines or penalties by the Town under the provisions of Chapter 140 relating to dogs, shall be paid into the treasury of the Town and shall not thereafter be paid over by the Town Treasurer to Essex County.

2.5 Damages Paid from Town Treasury. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 147 of said Chapter 140 or any other provision of law to the contrary, whoever suffers loss by the worrying, maiming or killing of his livestock or fowl by dogs outside the premises of the owners or keepers of such dogs, shall, after investigation as provided in Section 161 of Chapter 140, be paid from the Town Treasury as provided in Section 161 of Chapter 140.

3. DOG COMPLAINTS FOR NUISANCE

3.1 Definition of Nuisance. Animal behavior which constitutes a nuisance includes, but is not limited to, the following: molesting passerby or passing vehicles (including bicycles), attacking persons or domestic animals, trespassing on school grounds or other public property, damaging public or private property, barking, whining or howling in an excessive, continuous, or untimely fashion.

3.2 Duties and Powers of Animal Control Officer. The Animal Control Officer shall attend to all complaints, and other matters pertaining to dogs, and shall take whatever legal action is authorized by law. The Animal Control Officer shall be empowered to enforce this By-Law and no person shall interfere with or hinder, molest or abuse any Animal Control Officer in the exercise of such powers.

3.3 Abandoned and Abused Dogs. The Animal Control Officer shall confine any animal found to be without adequate care, or found in unsanitary or unsafe conditions or that has been abused, abandoned, or neglected. Any such animal shall be confined for not less than ten (10) days.

3.4 Impounded Dogs. Impounded dogs shall be kept for ten (10) days unless reclaimed by their owners. Dogs not claimed by their owners within ten (10) days or placed in suitable new homes, may be humanely euthanized by the Animal Control Officer or by an agency delegated by him to exercise that authority.

3.5 Quarantined Dogs. Any dog which bites a person shall be quarantined for ten (10) days if ordered by the Animal Control Officer. During quarantine, the dog shall be securely confined and kept from contact with any other animals. At the discretion of the Animal Control Officer, the quarantine may be on the premises of the owner. If the Animal Control Officer requires other confinement, the owner shall surrender the animal for the quarantine period to an animal shelter or shall, at his own expense, place it in a veterinary hospital.

3.6 Female Dogs in Heat. If the Animal Control Officer determines that a female animal, in heat, even when confined to the property of the owner or keeper,

is attracting other animals to the area, which condition causes disturbance or damage to neighboring property or public areas, the Animal Control Officer may require the owner or keeper to place and keep the animal while in heat in a kennel or to remove it from the area so that the nuisance is abated.

3.7 Uncontrolled Dogs. The Animal Control Officer is authorized to require owners or keepers of dogs to prevent such dogs from running at large in schools, school playgrounds, parks or public recreational areas. The Animal Control Officer is further authorized to require owners or keepers of dogs to restrain their dogs from running at large when it has been determined by the Animal Control Officer that the dog is an annoyance, is dangerous, is known to cause damage in the neighborhood, or further is on the property of an owner who does not wish the dog on his or her property.

3.8 Barking Dogs. If the Animal Control Officer determines that an animal is a nuisance due to excessive barking, whining or howling in a continuous or untimely fashion, the Animal Control Officer is authorized to order the owner or keeper to house the animal.

3.9 Fee and Fine Enforcement. All pound fees, pickup fees and fines including the licensing fee shall be paid by the owner or keeper before the release of the dog or dogs.

3.10 Pick-Up Fees. The owner of any stray dog picked up by the Animal Control Officer shall be charged a ten ($10.00) dollar fee.

3.11 Appeal of Order. The owner or keeper of a dog, about which the Animal Control Officer has issued an order, under the above sections of the By-Law, who wishes to appeal the order, may make such an appeal in writing to the Board of Selectmen within ten (10) days of the issuance of the order. In the event of such an appeal the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing.

4. ENFORCEMENT; PENALTY

4.1 Violation; Fines. Any person violating any provision of the By-Law, other than those provisions of subsection 2.3 relating to the deadline for registering dogs, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of twenty-five ($25.00) dollars for the first offense and fifty ($50.00) dollars for each subsequent offense. If any violation be continuing, each day's violation shall be deemed a separate violation. Complaints will be sought in District Court according to GLc 140 - 173A. Under the provisions of this By-Law, the Town Clerk is authorized to accept payment of fines for violations, sought in the District Court.

4.2 Enforcement Officer. The Animal Control Officer and/or Police are hereby authorized to issue a Notice of Violation to an owner or keeper who has violated any provision of the By-Law.

4.3 Enforcement Authority. Notwithstanding the provisions of this By-Law, all other aspects of Chapter 140, Sections 135A through 175 shall still be in effect.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof: one at the junction of Friend Court and Main Street; one at the junction of Topsfield Road and Maple Street; one at the junction of Larch Row, Walnut Road and Dodge's Row; and one at the junction of Grapevine Road and Hull Street seven days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 3rd day of April, 2007.

SIGNED: Peter A. Hersee, Thomas Tanous, John A. Clemenzi
Wenham Board of Selectmen

"In pursuance of the above written warrant I have this 23rd day of April, 2007, posted the attested copies thereof as directed therein."

SIGNED: Brent Morong, Constable of the Town of Wenham

Attest: Frances Harte Young
Wenham Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENHAM
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2007
BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
8AM - NOON

BALLOT ACCOUNTING

BALLOT BOX READING AT CLOSE OF ELECTION	342
Regular Ballots cast	331
Absentee Ballots cast	11
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	342

REGULAR BALLOT ACCOUNTING

Regular Ballots provided	1012
Regular Ballots cast	342
Spoiled Ballots	8
Test Ballots	11
Unused Ballots	651
TOTAL REGULAR BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	1012

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2007 (continued)

BALLOT ACCOUNTING (continued)

ABSENTEE BALLOT ACCOUNTING

Absentee Ballots provided	150
Absentee Ballots cast	11
Absentee Ballots unreturned	4
Absentee Ballots rejected	0
Test Ballots	21
Unused Ballots	114
TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	150

WENHAM ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE ELECTION
SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2007
BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL, PERKINS AUDITORIUM
8AM - NOON

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

MODERATOR (ONE YEAR TERM)
Paul D. Weaver

VOTES	312
BLANKS	29
WRITEINS	1
TOTAL	342

TOWN CLERK (ONE YEAR TERM)
Frances Harte Young

VOTES	316
BLANKS	25
WRITEINS	1
TOTAL	342

SELECTMAN (THREE YEAR TERM)
Lawrence D. Swartz

VOTES	299
BLANKS	41
WRITEINS	2
TOTAL	342

ASSESSOR (THREE YEAR TERM)
Thomas Tanous

VOTES	248
BLANKS	88
WRITEINS	6
TOTAL	342

ASSESSOR (TWO YEAR TERM)
Richard A. Fleming

VOTES	292
BLANKS	50
WRITEINS	0
TOTAL	342

PLANNING BOARD (FIVE YEAR TERM)	
Virginia L. Rogers	
VOTES	221
Minot A. Frye	
VOTES	91
BLANKS	30
WRITEINS	0
TOTAL	342
TREE WARDEN (ONE YEAR TERM)	
Pierre B. Erhard II	
VOTES	289
BLANKS	47
WRITEINS	6
TOTAL	342
TREE WARDEN (ONE YEAR TERM)	
Miguel A. Martinez, MD	
VOTES	299
BLANKS	43
WRITEINS	0
TOTAL	342
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (THREE YEAR TERM)	
Richard T. Caves	
VOTES	272
BLANKS	58
WRITEINS	12
TOTAL	342
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (TWO YEAR TERM)	
WRITEIN Bryant Barnard	20
OTHER WRITEINS	35
BLANKS	287
TOTAL	342
WATER COMMISSIONER (THREE YEAR TERM)	
WRITEIN Ernest C. Ashley	76
OTHER WRITEINS	16
BLANKS	250
TOTAL	342
HOUSING AUTHORITY (FIVE YEAR TERM)	
Ann M. Shaw	
VOTES	302
WRITEINS	0
BLANKS	40
TOTAL	342
HAMILTON-WENHAM LIBRARY TRUSTEE (THREE YEAR TERM)	
Doris L. Gallant	
VOTES	294
BLANKS	47
WRITEINS	1
TOTAL	342

HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION
SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2007
(Ballots impounded to Thursday, May 17, 2007)

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	342
VOTE FOR THREE	
Denise A. Bisaillon	266
Donald E. Gallant	257
Lisa S. Gaquin	263
BLANKS	237
WRITEINS	3
TOTAL VOTE	1026
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	342

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young

Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2007
BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL, Perkins Auditorium
1:00PM

MODERATOR	Paul D. Weaver
TOWN CLERK	Frances Harte Young
SELECTMEN	Peter A. Hersee Thomas Tanous John A. Clemenzi
FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE	John O. Wilhelm, Jr., Deborah H. Evans, Stephen K. Fischer, Thomas J. Kyrouz, Scott B. Mackintosh, Susan L. Mehlin

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2477
QUORUM: 5% = 124
PRESENT: 219

As prescribed in the warrant for the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, Article One (Election) was carried out at the Bessie Buker School, Perkins Auditorium, from 8AM to NOON. This year, in addition to the regular AccuVote ballot box and computer, AccuMark (a voting machine for handicap use) was also available. For election results please see pages 90 - 93.

From NOON to 1PM, the Wenham Village Improvement Society treated voters to a luncheon of sandwiches and homemade desserts and beautiful flower arrangements.

Shortly after 1:00PM, before the formal beginning of the Annual Meeting, Representative Brad Hill and Senator Bruce Tarr spoke to the gathering. Representative Hill expressed the continued hope that the town will receive Federal and State reimbursement to help defray the cost of repairs to various culverts badly damaged by the "Mother's Day" flood in 2006. Senator Tarr reiterated the annual dreary picture for state and local finances.

Moderator Paul Weaver then welcomed voters to the 2007 Annual Town Meeting. He

expressed the town's thanks to the Boy Scouts for house-to-house delivery of the Town Reports and Warrants and gratitude to the Ayer family for flowers in memory of Hilda Ayer.

Peter Hersee, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, then spoke about the many accomplishments on behalf of the Town made by retiring Selectman Thomas Tanous.

Moderator Paul Weaver declared that the Warrant for the meeting had been posted and duly served; a quorum was present; a Town Clerk and Moderator were present, and therefore the business of the Meeting could proceed. He explained the use of "Town Meeting Time" as a reference book and urged decorum with the microphones. Articles 7, 11, and 14 would require a two-thirds vote. A motion on behalf of a board is viewed as a second to the motion also. To call question is to put a gag order on further discussion until a 2/3 vote to move immediately to vote the question or not is carried out.

At this point, before proceeding to Article Two, the Moderator invited John Darling, Chairman of the Town Hall/Police Station Building Committee, to speak about the progress of the project. He was reassuring, telling the Meeting that it is hoped that the buildings will be occupied by the end of the year - on schedule and within budget.

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

ARTICLE TWO Budget Appropriations

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray Town expense of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2008) beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN RAISE AND APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE FOLLOWING SUMS FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES DESIGNATED, AND THAT THE SAME BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR SUCH PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2008; PROVIDED IN THE CASE OF SUMS DESIGNATED TO FUND THE TOWN'S SHARE OF OPERATING JOINT REGIONAL AND INTER-MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS WITH THE TOWN OF HAMILTON, THAT HAMILTON VOTES TO APPROVE AND FUND ITS SHARE AS PROVIDED IN THE APPLICABLE AGREEMENTS; ALL SAID EXPENDITURES TO BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN.

Moved by John O. Wilhelm, Jr., Chairman of the Finance and Advisory Committee, seconded by the Committee, and supported by the Board of Selectmen.

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2477
QUORUM: 5% - 124
VOTERS PRESENT: 219

VOTER CARDS

MOTION DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

ARTICLE THREE Cemetery and Other Trust Funds

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust Funds received in FY2007, as printed in Part 1 of the Town Reports, and on file with the Town Clerk.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CEMETERY AND OTHER TRUST FUNDS RECEIVED IN FY2007, AS PRINTED IN PART I OF THE TOWN REPORTS, AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK.

Larch Row Culvert - Emergency Replacement
Completed in May, 2007

Grapevine Road Culvert - Emergency Replacement
Completed in May, 2007

Walnut Road Culvert - Emergency Replacement
Completed in May, 2007

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actual 7/1/2003 6/30/2004	Actual 7/1/04 6/30/05	Actual 7/1/05 6/30/06	Budgeted 7/1/06 6/30/07	Recommended 7/1/07 6/30/08
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
114	**MODERATOR**					
114-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	50	50
122	**SELECTMEN**					
122-5100	SALARIES	10,812	10,812	10,812	10,812	10,812
	(Chairman @ $4,266/year, 2 Members @ $3,273 /year)					
122-5200	EXPENSES	1,833	2,942	1,934	2,000	2,000
		12,645	13,754	12,746	12,812	12,812
123	**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**					
123-5100	SALARY (@ $90,821/year)	74,846	76,220	85,855	87,826	90,821
123-5200	EXPENSES	2,185	5,692	2,490	2,500	2,500
		77,031	81,912	88,345	90,326	93,321
131	**FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**					
131-5200	EXPENSES	0	135	195	250	250
132	**RESERVE FUND MGL C.40, S.6**					
132-5700	RESERVE FUND	118,940	160,536	104,188	147,000	135,000
135	**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**					
135-5100	SALARY (@ $47,756/year)	63,341	69,730	71,484	45,200	47,756
135-5200	EXPENSES	2,041	3,894	2,744	3,600	3,400
135-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES			1,500	1,500	500
		65,382	73,624	75,728	50,300	51,656
139	**MUNICIPAL AUDIT**					
139-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Municipal Audit	15,315	16,000	16,000	18,000	18,000
141	**ASSESSORS**					
141-5100	SALARY & WAGES	53,573	54,587	56,124	72,346	75,342
	Chief Assessor @ $57,850/year					
	Assessing Clerk @ ($18.58 / hr 18 hrs /wk)					
	and ($100 longevity)					
141-5200	EXPENSES	10,393	8,856	15,735	11,235	9,450
141-5800	CAPITAL	0	0			
		63,966	63,443	71,859	83,581	84,792

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145	**FINANCE DIRECTOR, TREASURER / COLLECTOR**					
145-5100	SALARY & WAGES	74,201	64,717	73,916	97,490	103,125
	(Finance Director, Treasurer / Collector @ $62,935 /year)					
	(Asst. Collector @ $38,500/$40,000 /yr) + Cov.($1,000)					
145-5200	EXPENSES	3,845	4,800	6,030	6,550	7,950
145-5200	TAX TITLE & GASB 45 EXP		6,084	2,723	7,000	5,000
145-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	10,652	9,181	12,010	13,500	14,700
145-5710	OTHER - Borrowing Costs		0			
		88,698	84,782	94,679	124,540	130,775
151	**TOWN COUNSEL / LEGAL**					
151-5200	EXPENSES	3,750	320,000			
151-5210	CONTRACT SERVICE - RETAINER	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
151-5220	CONTRACT SERVICE - OUTSIDE COUNSEL	25,957	49,603	41,574	20,000	20,000
151-5700	OTHER			0	0	0
		36,707	376,603	48,574	27,000	27,000
155	**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**					
155-5100	SALARY & WAGES	3,982	0			
155-5200	EXPENSES	7,527	14,211	15,745	16,550	16,550
155-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	24,969	35,642	46,895	47,590	48,205
155-5700	OTHER (GIS Programs; Web Page Host)	8,755	13,175	14,441	5,000	5,000
155-5800	CAPITAL				0	4,500
		45,233	63,028	77,081	69,140	74,255
159	**TOWN HALL**					
159-5100	SALARY & WAGES	52,037	65,756	87,423	89,254	94,764
	(Permit Office @ $40,049 /yr + $300 longevity)					
	(Admin. Asst. @ $40,792 /yr)					
	(Custodian @ 15 hrs/wk @ $15.61 /hr)					
159-5200	EXPENSES	57,063	53,006	41,097	42,496	54,595
159-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE					
159-5310	Minutes Clerk for Selectmen & Committee meetings	11,510	9,906	8,000	9,000	14,800
159-5320	Cleaning Services	7,227	0			
159-5700	OTHER		9,000	0	0	0
159-5800	CAPITAL		0	0	0	0
		127,837	137,668	136,520	140,750	164,159

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161	**TOWN CLERK**					
161-5100	SALARY (@ $44,433 /yr + $300 longevity)	40,352	40,844	41,961	43,002	44,733
161-5200	EXPENSES	1,777	765	308	1,400	1,700
		42,129	41,609	42,269	44,402	46,433
162	**ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION**					
162-5100	WAGES	3,187	4,383	3,147	2,950	2,950
162-5200	EXPENSES	7,983	9,483	8,207	9,783	15,275
162-5700	OTHER		0			
		11,170	13,866	11,353	12,733	18,225
171	**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**					
171-5100	WAGES (@ $20.49 /hour - 19.5 hrs. per wk)	19,179	16,258	16,046	20,169	21,159
171-5200	EXPENSES	2,135	2,550	3,340	4,414	4,435
	WATER RESOURCE & WETLAND PROT. BY-LAW					2,250
		21,314	18,808	19,386	24,583	27,844
175	**PLANNING BOARD**					
175-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	1,545	1,545	1,515	1,545	1,545
175-5200	EXPENSES	500	0	925	500	500
		2,045	1,545	2,440	2,045	2,045
176	**BOARD OF APPEALS**					
176-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	515	515	515	515	515
176-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	150	150
		515	515	515	665	665
195	**TOWN REPORT**					
195-5200	EXPENSES	6,469	8,534	7,240	8,000	7,500
198	**COMMUNITY/REC BUILDING**					
198-5100	WAGES		0			
198-5200	EXPENSES	2,600	3,481	4,649	3,653	7,300
198-5310	CONTRACT SERVICES - Cleaning	1,343				
		3,943	3,481	4,649	3,653	7,300
199	**IRON RAIL PROPERTY**					
199-5100	SALARY & WAGES	8,287	6,288	4,986	0	1,827
199-5200	EXPENSES	4,084	13,013	5,018	2,265	29,250
199-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	2,567	1,617	5,858	10,100	17,307
199-5800	CAPITAL	5,000	1,573	0	0	1,500
		19,938	22,491	15,862	12,365	49,884
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	759,277	1,182,334	829,630	872,195	951,966

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	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
210	**POLICE**					
210-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	808,859	841,700	859,461	815,927	884,843
	(Chief @ $78,116 - base/year + $300 longevity)					
210-5200	EXPENSES	53,999	55,896	61,028	64,726	66,726
210-5800	CAPITAL	29,999	30,000	31,346	33,000	20,840
		892,857	927,596	951,835	913,653	972,409
215	**POLICE STATION**					
215-5200	EXPENSES					5,500
						5,500
220	**FIRE**					
220-5100	SALARIES & STIPENDS	121,927	134,967	146,393	149,546	164,374
	(Chief @ $55,464 year)					
	(Fire Prevention Officer @ $54,684 /year)					
220-5110	ON-CALL WAGES	144,487	155,682	147,840	150,000	140,000
220-5200	EXPENSES	58,999	60,494	47,379	58,000	63,000
220-5700	TRAINING (Wages & Expenses)	42,399	42,686	39,121	45,000	55,697
220-5800	CAPITAL		0	0	0	0
		367,812	393,829	380,733	402,546	423,071
231	**AMBULANCE SERVICE**					
231-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	36,480	38,980	41,480	43,980	46,480
241	**BUILDING INSPECTOR**					
241-5100	SALARIES	16,198	16,459	16,419	18,827	19,343
	(Building Inspector @ $17,743 /year)					
	(Asst. Building Inspector @ $1,600 /year)					
241-5200	EXPENSES	0	325	0	200	200
		16,198	16,784	16,419	19,027	19,543
243	**PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**					
243-5100	SALARY (@ $4,201 /year)	3,806	3,882	3,979	4,079	4,201
243-5200	EXPENSES	201	70	300	200	300
		4,007	3,952	4,279	4,279	4,501
245	**ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**					
245-5100	SALARY & WAGES	8,411	8,579	8,793	9,014	10,484
	(Electrical Inspector @ $10,484 /year)					
245-5200	EXPENSES	217	306	40	300	450
		8,628	8,885	8,833	9,314	10,934

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249	**MUNICIPAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS**					
249-5200	EXPENSES	1,634	0	768	700	1,500
249-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	839	858	175	2,000	1,500
249-5800	CAPITAL		0			
		2,473	858	943	2,700	3,000
291	**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE**					
291-5200	EXPENSES	1,853	1,967	1,689	500	2,000
292	**ANIMAL CONTROL**					
292-5100	SALARIES	8,200	8,200	8,561	8,616	11,874
	(Animal Control Officer @ $6,578 /year)					
	(Deer Officer @ $2,297 /year)					
	(Beaver Control @ $3,000 /year)					
292-5200	EXPENSES	375	21	522	750	750
		8,575	8,221	9,083	9,366	12,624
294	**TREE WARDEN**					
294-5100	SALARY (@ $1,424 /year)	1,289	1,315	1,348	1,382	1,424
294-5200	EXPENSES	4,098	346	1,800	1,800	1,800
294-5300	CONTRACT SERVCE	11,712	16,261	26,509	20,000	30,000
294-5700	OTHER - Tree Planting/Replacement - Spraying	0	678	1,760	2,000	2,000
		17,099	18,600	31,417	25,182	35,224
298	**POLICE & FIRE STATION**					
298-5100	SALARIES & WAGES					
298-5200	EXPENSES	19,000	21,023	19,350	27,628	29,822
298-5700	OTHER	4,026	0			
298-5800	CAPITAL		0			
		23,026	21,023	19,350	27,628	29,822
299	**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER**					
299-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Administration Fee to Hamilton of $14,192)	129,876	162,551	153,585	159,208	170,182
299-5700	OTHER		0			
299-5800	CAPITAL	4,818	0		0	0
		134,694	162,551	153,585	159,208	170,182
	TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	1,513,702	1,603,246	1,619,646	1,617,383	1,735,290

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	SCHOOLS					
310	**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
310-5200	ASSESSMENT - Wenham Share	4,491,831	5,017,781	5,408,166	5,787,292	6,048,568
315	**SCHOOL DEBT**					
315-5900	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1991 School Addition/Repairs)	40,803	65,857	66,285	64,533	67,281
315-5910	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1997 New Middle School)	222,441	217,467	212,951	212,053	259,056
315-5920	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (2002 Boiler)	50,903	50,339	49,441	48,653	47,953
		314,147	333,663	328,677	325,239	374,290
	Total Hamilton/Wenham Regional School	4,805,978	5,351,444	5,736,843	6,112,531	6,422,858
320	**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
320-5200	EXPENSES (WENHAM'S SHARE)	63,980	55,489	44,978	37,530	27,861
	TOTAL SCHOOLS	4,869,958	5,406,933	5,781,821	6,150,061	6,450,719

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	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS					
422	**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**					
422-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (DPW Director @ $76,940/yr.) (Foreman @ $27.10 /hr-24/hrs + $400 longevity) Foreman shared w/water dept. (Other Wages @ $19.35-$22.74 /hour)	379,630	384,147	387,489	409,052	451,105
422-5200	EXPENSES	34,800	33,623	26,854	31,109	35,000
422-5700	STREET MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	59,124	59,222	60,379	58,500	62,000
422-5710	OTHER - SIDEWALKS/BIKE PATHS	24,330	23,580	12,057	16,800	
422-5800	CAPITAL	19,551	29,101	26,833	0	42,000
		517,435	529,673	513,612	515,461	590,105
423	**SNOW REMOVAL**					
423-5100	WAGES	21,937	44,284	33,616	36,050	36,050
423-5200	EXPENSES	43,613	72,612	54,000	54,000	54,000
423-5800	CAPITAL	0	0			
		65,550	116,896	87,616	90,050	90,050
424	**STREET LIGHTING**					
424-5200	EXPENSES	34,101	33,478	36,838	48,490	48,490
429	**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**					
429-5200	EXPENSES	35,158	37,501	42,080	40,000	50,000
		35,158	37,501	42,080	40,000	50,000
433	**REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**					
433-5200	EXPENSES	239,000	235,972	223,762	270,700	279,100
491	**CEMETERY**					
491-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Burial Agent - meetings @ $30.33/wk)	1,620	1,615	2,002	2,052	2,114
491-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Burial Agent Salary)	3,734	2,924	3,980	3,500	3,500
491-5700	OTHER - MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE	500	465	500	500	500
491-5710	OTHER - VETERAN'S GRAVES EXPENSE	120	200	0	200	0
		5,974	5,204	6,482	6,252	6,114
495	**GASOLINE & OIL**					
950-5200	EXPENSES	41,755	43,988	56,118	60,711	68,688
		41,755	43,988	56,118	60,711	68,688
	TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	938,973	1,002,712	966,508	1,031,664	1,132,547

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	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
510	**BOARD OF HEALTH**					
510-5100	SALARIES	2,000	2,000	2,050	2,222	2,285
	(Inspector of Animals @ $2,165 /year)					
	(Board Members - 3 @ $40 each)					
510-5200	EXPENSES	1,330	1,652	1,814	2,800	2,800
510-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Health Agent @ $60 /hr	10,100	9,316	10,500	10,500	16,250
510-5700	OTHER	2,218	300	0	300	2,800
		15,648	13,268	14,364	15,822	24,135
541	**COUNCIL ON AGING**					
541-5100	SALARIES (13.86 hrs/wk @ $15.15 /hr - COA Grant $3,741)	379	1,360	4,606	6,968	7,527
541-5200	EXPENSES	3,919	7,639	4,455	5,500	6,900
		4,298	8,999	9,061	12,468	14,427
542	**COUNCIL ON AGING VAN**					
542-5100	SALARIES	29,780	35,027	42,897	43,798	44,704
	Supervisor (19 hrs/wk @ $15.15 /hr)					
	Dispatcher & Drivers (@ $10.83-$15.15 /hr.)					
542-5200	EXPENSES		11,202	6,750	8,845	9,580
542-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES					
542-5800	CAPITAL					
		29,780	46,229	49,647	52,643	54,284
543	**VETERAN'S BENEFITS**					
543-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
543-5700	REGIONAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	12,623	13,559	14,234	14,744	15,347
		12,623	13,559	14,234	15,744	16,347
	TOTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	62,349	82,055	87,306	96,677	109,193

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	CULTURE and RECREATION					
620	**JOINT LIBRARY**					
620-5100	SALARIES & WAGES					
5101	Director (Salary @ $59,424 /yr)	57,667	58,219	56,010	58,224	61,171
	Prof Library Generalist/Grants Administrator		0	0	0	
	Subtotal Administration	57,667	58,219	56,010	58,224	61,171
5102	Head Reference	28,511	30,712	31,411	32,144	33,558
5103	Circulation / ILL (@ $32,673/year + $200 longevity)	28,843	29,295	30,026	30,656	32,873
5104	Young Adult Librarian	33,101	32,947	34,427	35,150	32,673
5105	Childrens	27,624	30,255	31,004	31,665	32,965
5106	Circulation (@ $37,302/yr + $200 longevity)	33,101	33,589	34,427	35,150	37,502
5107	Administrative Librarian (@ $32,673/year & $100 longevity)	28,843	29,195	29,811	30,556	32,773
5108	Technical Services (@ $41,858/year + $400 longevity)	39,514	40,393	41,392	42,257	44,128
	Subtotal Professional	219,537	226,386	232,498	237,578	246,472
5110	Support Staff - 8 Part-time Positions ($12.36-$13.98/hr)	61,402	58,268	58,283	65,980	67,960
	Clerical Assistance					13,363
	Custodian - 25hrs/wk. @ $15.61 /hr.		18,831	19,302	19,708	20,300
	Custodian - 63.5 % of $650 clothing allowance			0	406	406
	3 Shelvers - total 22 hrs/wk. @ $7.92-$8.48 /hr.		5,877	9,051	8,861	9,123
	Subtotal Support	61,402	82,976	86,636	94,955	111,152
	Total Salaries	338,606	367,581	375,144	390,757	418,795
620-5200	EXPENSES					
5201	Library Books	85,371	88,000	88,351	92,000	96,784
5202	Subscriptions & Periodicals	7,822	7,992	8,000	8,000	8,950
5203	Furniture & Equipment	486	522			
5204	Technology	35,026	35,926	35,518	35,674	36,654
5205	General Supplies	13,877	12,100	13,191	13,265	13,265
5206	Memberships, Conference & Travel	1,202	996	1,070	1,070	1,070
5207	Programs	2,732	1,000	994	1,000	1,000
5208	Heat & Utilities	51,480	49,505	59,284	56,000	56,000
5209	Maintenance of Building & Grounds	12,123	19,402	20,820	20,820	20,820
5210	Other		0			0
	Total Expenses	210,119	215,443	227,228	227,829	234,543
620-5800	CAPITAL					
			0	0	0	7,500
	Total Capital	0	0	0	0	7,500
	TOTAL LIBRARY	548,725	583,024	602,372	618,586	660,838

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640	**JOINT RECREATION PROGRAM**					
640-5200	OTHER - JT. RECREATION PROGRAM EXPENSE (Includes $4,606.53 Administrative Fee to Hamilton)	45,115	61,814	54,419	54,958	56,696
		45,115	61,814	54,419	54,958	56,696
650	**PARK DEPARTMENT**					
650-5100	WAGES (Gatekeeper)	4,330	0			3,800
650-5200	EXPENSES	2,794	6,254	2,440	3,050	2,900
650-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES		650	0	650	0
650-5700	OTHER		0			
		7,124	6,904	2,440	3,700	6,700
691	**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**					
691-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	50	300
692	**CABLE TV COMMITTEE**					
692-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	0
693	**TOWN CLOCK**					
693-5100	SALARY (Clockwinder)	1,008	1,038	1,064	1,091	1,124
		1,008	1,038	1,064	1,091	1,124
695	**MAPC TASK FORCE**					
695-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	0
699	**BAND**					
699-5200	EXPENSES	350	325	325	500	500
	TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	602,322	653,105	660,620	678,885	726,158
	FIXED CHARGES					
911	**RETIREMENT**					
911-5200	ESSEX REGIONAL RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	250,144	276,119	295,843	308,782	325,060
911-5210	FORMER EMPLOYEE PENSION	2,288	2,288	2,288	2,720	2,856
		252,432	278,407	298,131	311,502	327,916
914	**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**					
914-5200	GROUP INSURANCE (Health & Life - Town Share)	324,123	399,835	442,653	527,803	536,890
914-5700	UNEMPLOYMENT	7,398	12,266	38	0	500
914-5710	OTHER - BUY-BACK				0	50,000
		331,521	412,101	442,691	527,803	587,390
916	**FICA / MEDICARE**					
916-5200	EXPENSES	23,431	27,198	27,348	29,287	30,751

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945	**GENERAL INSURANCE**					
945-5200	EXPENSES	90,631	89,303	89,623	125,799	130,030
945-5201	EXPENSES - Town Hall Insurance		11,000	11,000	12,650	13,915
945-5700	DEDUCTIBLE FUND	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
		90,631	100,303	100,623	139,449	144,945
	TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	698,015	818,009	868,793	1,008,041	1,091,002
	TOWN DEBT - PRINCIPAL & INTEREST					
710	**PRINCIPAL**					
710-5910-1	PRINCIPAL - ROAD CONSTRUCTION	0	0			
710-5910-2	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-3	PRINCIPAL - JOINT LIBRARY	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
710-5910-4	PRINCIPAL - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-5	PRINCIPAL - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
710-5910-6	PRINCIPAL- TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT	0	0		110,000	232,079
710-5910-7	PRINCIPAL - IRON RAIL BOILER	0	0		13,000	9,500
710-5910-8	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Qunit - Debt Exclusion)				40,000	50,000
710-5910-9	PRINCIPAL - Culverts BANS					0
	Subtotal - Principal	125,000	125,000	125,000	288,000	416,579
751	**INTEREST**					
751-5915-1	INTEREST - ROAD CONSTRUCTION	0	0			
751-5915-2	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	8,583	7,783	6,983	6,183	5,383
759-5915-3	INTEREST - JOINT LIBRARY	51,258	48,458	45,658	42,858	40,058
751-5915-4	INTEREST - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE	13,688	12,888	12,088	11,288	10,488
751-5915-5	INTEREST - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)	10,135	9,535	8,935	8,335	7,735
751-5915-6	INTEREST - TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT	0	940	1,621	0	185,178
751-5915-7	INTEREST - IRON RAIL BOILER		1,353	2,295	1,881	1,685
710-5915-8	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Quint - Debt Exclusion)			16,211	14,584	20,691
710-5915-9	INTEREST - Culverts BANS					65,479
	Subtotal - Interest	83,664	80,957	93,789	85,129	336,697
	TOTAL TOWN DEBT	208,664	205,957	218,789	373,129	753,276
	Subtotal General Fund	**9,653,260**	**10,954,351**	**11,033,112**	**11,828,035**	**12,950,151**

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	WATER DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL REVENUE FUND)					
29	**WATER DEPARTMENT**					
29-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	106,488	107,994	113,639	119,496	125,596
	(Superintendant's Salary @ $67,019/year + $400 longevity)					
	(Asst. Supt. @ $27.10/hr-16 hrs/wk, shared w/ Highway)					
	(Other Wages @ $22.17/hour)					
	(COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES 1 @ $2, 2 @ $1)					
29-5200	EXPENSES	79,646	106,240	143,291	97,600	98,150
29-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	33,993	67,440	16,625	10,180	20,260
29-5800	CAPITAL	38,664	45,629	50,951	97,000	51,000
	Subtotal Water Expense	258,791	327,303	324,506	324,276	295,006
	WATER TANK					
29-5925	PRINCIPAL	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
29-5926	INTEREST	58,085	60,085	52,085	49,085	46,085
29-5926	Debt Service Painting Lord's Hill Tank (BAN - $425,000)					17,000
	Subtotal Water Tank	133,085	135,085	127,085	124,085	138,085
	TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	391,876	462,388	451,591	448,361	433,091
	TOTAL ARTICLE 2	**10,045,136**	**11,416,739**	**11,484,703**	**12,276,396**	**13,383,242**

WAGES	2,824,992
TOWN EXPENSES	3,980,191
H W Reg SCHOOL EXPENSES	6,048,568
H W Reg SCHOOL DEBT	374,290
Reg Vocational School	27,861
CAPITAL	127,340
	13,383,242
TOTAL: ARTICLE 2	

ARTICLE THREE Cemetery and Other Trust Funds (continued)

Moved by John O. Wilhelm, Jr., Chairman of the Finance and Advisory Committee, seconded by the Committee, and supported by the Board of Selectmen.

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
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QUORUM: 5% - 124
VOTERS PRESENT: 219

VOTER CARDS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE FOUR Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding

To vote from available funds under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, the sum of $156,231 for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 246B OF THE ACTS OF 2006, THE SUM OF $156,231 FOR WORK ON TOWN ROADS, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS DETAILED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 30, SECTION 39M; CHAPTER 149, SECTION 44J; CHAPTER 149, SECTION 26-27F; SAID WORK TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Moved by John O. Wilhelm, Jr., Chairman of the Finance and Advisory Committee, seconded by the Committee, and supported by the Board of Selectmen.

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
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PRESENT: 219

VOTER CARDS

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ARTICLE FIVE Leveling Tax Rate

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Available Funds or Overlay Surplus to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF $411,685 TO BE USED BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS TO LEVEL THE TAX RATE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2007 TO JUNE 30, 2008.

Moved by John O. Wilhelm, Jr., Chairman of the Finance and Advisory Committee, seconded by the Committee, and supported by the Board of Selectmen.

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ARTICLE SIX Regional Operations Center - Study and Funding

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a resolution supporting the concept of establishing a regional operations center (ROC) for Essex County; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an individual to serve as the town's representative to a committee of similar representatives from other municipalities in Essex County that adopt a similar resolution; and to appropriate a sum not to exceed $1,000 to support the implementation process.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER (ROC) FOR ESSEX COUNTY; AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO APPOINT AN INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE AS THE TOWN'S REPRESENTATIVE TO A COMMITTEE OF SIMILAR REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN ESSEX COUNTY THAT ADOPT A SIMILAR RESOLUTION; AND TO APPROPRIATE A SUM NOT TO EXCEED $1,000 TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS.

Moved by Thomas Tanous, Selectman, and seconded by the Board of Selectmen with the support of the Finance and Advisory Committee.

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VOTER CARDS

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ARTICLE SEVEN Emergency Roadway Repair Funding (Phase II)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, a sum of money for unforeseen emergency costs related to rainstorm and resulting flooding which occurred in the Town in May, 2006, including infrastructure repairs and replacements to Town roads, consisting of the construction of such roads, related drainage and sidewalk repairs and replacements, and other related repairs, and costs of the Fire, Police and Highway Departments for extra personnel costs, expenses and contracted service costs related to such rainstorm and flooding; provided (a) that such borrowing shall be contingent upon the Town voting to exempt the principal of and interest on the amount of such borrowing from the Provisions of Proposition 2½, so called, by the passage of a referendum question under paragraph (k) of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, said referendum question (i) to be voted on by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at the Buker School in the Town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM and (ii) to be in substantially the following form: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond to be issued in order to pay for unforeseen emergency costs related to rainstorm and resulting flooding in the Town, including infrastructure repairs and replacements to Town roads, consisting of the construction and reconstruction of such roads, related drainage and sidewalk repairs and replacements, and other related repairs, and costs of the Fire, Police and Highway Departments for extra personnel costs, expenses and contracted service costs related to such rainstorm and flooding?" and (b) that such borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of any federal or state aid received prior to the incurring of such borrowing; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for such costs.

ARTICLE SEVEN Emergency Roadway Repair Funding (Phase II) (continued)

MODERATOR'S REMARKS

Last year's Mother's Day floods begat the Fall Special Town Meeting to appropriate emergency funding to repair the culverts under several town roads that had been damaged by the floods. That work is done, and we are awaiting the State to come through on its promise to reimburse us for 80% of the costs we have fronted to make these repairs.

As in the movies, it seems that every successful disaster deserves a sequel, and Article 7 proposed to use the same funding process for some subsequently identified additional road repairs that seem to qualify for the State subsidy if we act in time. As I understand it, these additional repairs are not immediate safety concerns, but rather longer term repair needs that may benefit from the emergency funding mechanism. Since the recovery reimbursement window for last year's flood damage extends at least into next year, the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen have agreed, given the other funding demands on the Town and the tax rate this year, to defer action to a subsequent Town Meeting.

ARTICLE SEVEN WAS PASSED OVER WITHOUT ACTION

ARTICLE EIGHT CPA Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation budget; to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2008; and to approve the appropriation to expend or set aside the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, a sum of money for recreational use, a sum of money for the preservation of historic resources, a sum of money for committee administrative expenses and a sum of money for the creation, preservation and support of community housing, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

MOTION THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MOVES:
A. THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS OF CPA FUNDS: 1. RESERVES:FY06 THE SUM OF $66,411 FROM THE "UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR CPA" TRANSFERRED AS FOLLOWS: $22,137 TO THE "FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES", $22,137 TO THE "FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR OPEN SPACE" AND $22,137 TO THE"FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING" FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESERVING A MINIMUM 10% OF THE TOTAL FY 2006 CPA REVENUE IN THE AFOREMENTIONED RESERVES; 2. RESERVES: FY 2007 THE SUM OF $139,996.89 FROM FY07 CPA REVENUES: $46,655.63 FROM FY 07 CPA REVENUES; $46,655.63 TO THE "FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES", $46,655.63 TO THE "FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR OPEN SPACE" AND $46,655.63 TO THE "FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING" FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESERVING A MINIMUM OF 10% OF THE TOTAL FY 2007 CPA REVENUE IN THE AFOREMENTIONED RESERVES; AND 3. RESERVES: FY 08 THE SUM OF $195,000 FROM ESTIMATED FY 08 CPA REVENUES; $65,000 TO THE "FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES", $65,000 TO THE "FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR OPEN SPACE" AND $65,000 TO THE "FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING" FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESERVING A MINIMUM OF 10% OF THE TOTAL FY 2008 CPA REVENUE IN THE AFOREMENTIONED RESERVES, AND

B: THAT THE TOWN VOTE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 THE FOLLOWING SUMS TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE INDICATED CPA SOURCES FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

ARTICLE EIGHT CPA Appropriations (continued)

SUBMITTED BY THE WENHAM BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE, THE FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM FY2008 ESTIMATED CPA REVENUES.

2. THE SUM OF $48,295.76 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING DEBT SERVICE FOR FY2008 ON THE $2,151,421 SUPPLEMENTAL BORROWING UNDER MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44 AND 44B FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE 152 YEAR OLD WENHAM TOWN HALL BUILDING AT 138 MAIN STREET IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS DEVELOPED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE WENHAM TOWN HALL AND POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE, THE FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES.

3. THE SUM OF $13,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THE PLEASANT POND RECREATION AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE PLEASANT POND ASSOCIATION, THE FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM FY 2008 ESTIMATED REVENUES.

4. THE SUM OF $20,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REHABILITATING THE GYMNASIUM FLOOR AT THE HISTORIC BUKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE BUKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, THE FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES.

5. THE SUM OF $20,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING STUDY IN THE TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE WENHAM COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE, THE FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING.

6. THE SUM OF $2,500 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, THE FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE ESTIMATED FY 2008 CPA REVENUES.

7. THE SUM OF $4,100 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION OF THE PORTICO AT THE HISTORIC COMMUNITY HOUSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAN SUBMITTED BY COMMUNITY SERVICE OF HAMILTON AND WENHAM, INC., THE SUM OF $4,100 TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES.

8. THE SUM OF $350,000 FOR THE BUDGETED RESERVE, WHICH INCLUDES THE SUM OF $100,000 TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FY 2007 ESTIMATED CPA REVENUE AND THE SUM OF $250,000 TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FY 2008 ESTIMATED CPA REVENUE.

Moved by Patrick Wilaon, Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee and seconded by the Committee, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and no comment by the Finance and Advisory Board.

Under the procedural rules of Town Meeting Time, the Moderator opted to "divide the question." Therefore, the question under Article Eight is divided into nine separate votes, with each receiving a majority vote in favor being approval of appropriation of the stated amount.

ARTICLE EIGHT CPA Appropriations

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VOTER CARDS

PART A DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE EIGHT CPA Appropriations (continued)

PART B

SECTION 1 DECLARED APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

SECTION 2 DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

SECTION 3 DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

SECTION 4 DECLARED SUBSTANTIALLY APPROVED WITH SOME OPPOSITION

SECTION 5

Amendment

Moved by Thomas Tanous, Selectman, and seconded from the floor, that Article Eight, Section 5 read as follows:

THE SUM OF $20,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING STUDY IN THE TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE WENHAM COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE, THE FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING, SUCH STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED BY A HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN AND UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE SELECTMEN.

Vote on amendment declared all but unanimously passed in the affirmative

SECTION 5 AS AMENDED DECLARED PASSED BY A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY APPROVAL WITH SMALL OPPOSITION

SECTION 6 DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

SECTION 7 DECLARED PASSED BY A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY

SECTION 8 DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE NINE Community Preservation Act Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 393 of the Acts of 2006, an Act which provides an exemption from taxes assessed under the provisions of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, the portion or portions of real property in the Town of Wenham owned by a cooperative corporation and occupied by any of its members as such member's domicile pursuant to a proprietary lease, enacted by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to the petition of the Town of Wenham voted under Article 9 of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Wenham.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT CHAPTER 393 OF THE ACTS OF 2006, AN ACT WHICH EXEMPTS FROM TAXES ASSESSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 44B OF THE GENERAL LAWS, THE PORTION OR PORTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF WENHAM OWNED BY A COOPERATIVE CORPORATION AND OCCUPIED BY ANY OF ITS MEMBERS AS SUCH MEMBER'S DOMICILE PURSUANT TO A PROPRIATARY LEASE, ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH PURSUANT TO THE PETITION OF THE TOWN OF WENHAM VOTED UNDER ARTICLE 9 OF THE 2006 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

Moved by Peter A. Hersee, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, and seconded by the Board, with the support of the Finance and Advisory Board

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VOTER CARDS MOTION DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

ARTICLE TEN Operating Budget - Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), and also contingent upon the Town of Hamilton appropriating its proportionate share, to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated for annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District to meet the Town's share of the total operating budget of the District which is approved and funded by the Town of Wenham, or to take any other action thereto. The ballot vote on approval of this appropriation will take place on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at the Buker School, from 7:00AM to 8:00PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $154,817 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2007?"

MOTION THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE $154,817, CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE OF A REFERENDUM QUESTION PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C (G), AND ALSO CONTINGENT UPON THE TOWN OF HAMILTON APPROPRIATING ITS PROPORTIONATE SHARE, TO BE ADDED TO THE PORTION OF ARTICLE 2 ALLOCATED FOR ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MEET THE TOWN'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET OF THE DISTRICT WHICH IS APPROVED AND FUNDED BY THE TOWN OF WENHAM. THE BALLOT VOTE ON THE APPROVAL OF THIS APPROPRIATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007, AT THE BUKER SCHOOL, FROM 7:00AM TO 8:00PM ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "SHALL THE TOWN OF WENHAM BE ALLOWED TO ASSESS AN ADDITIONAL $154,817 IN REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PURPOSES OF PAYING WENHAM'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL AUTHORIZED ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN EXCESS OF THE PORTION APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE 2, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2007?"

Moved by Donald E. Gallant, School Committee Member, and seconded by the School Committee, with the support of the Finance and Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2477
QUORUM: 5% - 124
VOTERS PRESENT: 219

VOTER CARDS

MOTION DECLARED SUBSTANTIALLY PASSED (YES: 125 NO: 5)

ARTICLE ELEVEN Capital Override

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, said sum to be raised contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (i-1/2), to be used to fund capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of a dump truck for the Highway Department and the retrofitting of the elementery school for Emergency Management purposes, or take any other action relative thereto: such referendum question to be voted upon by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, May 17, 2007 at the Buker School in said Town between the hours of 7:00AM and 8:00PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $113,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding

ARTICLE ELEVEN Capital Override (continued)

improvements, consisting of the purchase of a dump truck for the Highway Department and the retrofitting of the elementary school for Emergency Management purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?"

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN APPROPRIATE $113,000 CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE OF A REFERENDUM QUESTION PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C, PARAGRAPH (i-1/2), TO BE USED TO FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, CONSISTING OF THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND THE RETROFITTING OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PURPOSES, SUCH REFERENDUM QUESTION TO BE VOTED UPON BY BALLOT AT THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007, AT THE BUKER SCHOOL, FROM 7AM TO 8PM ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: SHALL THE TOWN OF WENHAM BE ALLOWED TO ASSESS AN ADDITIONAL $113,000 IN REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, CONSISTING OF THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND THE RETROFITTING OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007?

Moved by John O. Wilhelm, Jr., Chairman, Finance and Advisory Committee, seconded by the Committee and with the support of the Board of Selectmen.

TWO/THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2477
QUORUM: 5% - 124
VOTERS PRESENT: 219

VOTER CARDS

MOTION DECLARED ADEQUATELY PASSED (YES: 125 NO: 1)

ARTICLE TWELVE Zoning Ordinance Amendment

To see if the Town will vote from Available Funds a sum of money not to exceed $25,000 for a complete revision of the Wenham Zoning Ordinance; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE $25,000 FOR A COMPLETE REVISION OF THE WENHAM ZONING ORDINANCE.

Moved by John A. Clemenzi, Selectman, and seconded by the Board of Selectmen, with the support of the Finance and Advisory Committee.

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2477
QUORUM: 5% - 124
VOTER PRESENT: 219

VOTER CARDS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE THIRTEEN Water Resouce Protection Bylaw Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wenham Water Resources Protection Bylaw, Chapter XVIII, in a form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection, an executive summary of which is attached to this warrant as Appendix A.

MOTION THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF WENHAM WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION BYLAW, CHAPTER XVIII, IN THE FORM FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK, AND TO DIRECT THE CLERK TO FILE A TRUE COPY OF THE SAME WITH THE RECORDS OF THE MEETING.

Moved by Kenneth F. Whittaker, Conservation Commission member, and seconded by the Conservation Commission, with the support of the Board of Selectmen and no position taken by the Finance and Advisory Board.

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2477
QUORUM: 5% - 124
VOTERS PRESENT: 219

VOTER CARDS

MOTION DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

TOWN OF WENHAM WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION BYLAW

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to maintain the quality of surface water and groundwater; to maintain the level of the groundwater table and water recharge areas for existing or potential water supplies; to protect persons and property against the hazards of flood water inundation; to protect and conserve natural features, resources, and amenities for the benefit and welfare of present and future citizens of the Town of Wenham.

This bylaw is intended to protect the water resources, wetlands, and adjoining areas in Wenham by prior review and control of activities deemed by the Conservation Commission likely to have a significant or detrimental effect upon the following values: public or private water supply, groundwater, fisheries, wildlife, wildlife habitat and the prevention and control of flooding, erosion, sedimentation, storm damage, or pollution (collectively, the "resource area values protected by the bylaw"). This bylaw is intended to utilize the Home Rule Authority of this Town to protect additional resource areas, for additional values, with additional standards and procedures to augment those of the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. Ch. 131, sec. 40 and Regulations thereunder, 310 CMR 10.00.

Section 2: Jurisdiction

Except as permitted in writing by the Conservation Commission or as provided in this bylaw, no person shall remove, fill, dredge, discharge into, build upon, otherwise alter, pollute, or degrade the following resource areas: any freshwater wetland as determined by vegetational community, soils composition or hydrologic regime including any marsh, wet meadow, bog, or swamp; any vernal pool, any lake, stream, reservoir, river, or pond, whether intermittent or continuous, natural or manmade; land under such waters; bank or beach; land subject to flooding or inundation by groundwater, surface water or storm water (collectively the "wetland resource areas protected by this bylaw") or lands within one hundred (100) feet of any of the aforesaid resource areas (collectively "the adjacent upland resource areas protected by this bylaw").

WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION BYLAW (continued)

Section 3: Exceptions

The application and permit required by this bylaw shall not be required for maintaining, repairing, but not substantially changing, relocating or enlarging, any existing or lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public to provide electricity, gas, water, telephone, telegraph, or other telecommunication services, provided that, except in cases of public emergency, written notice and plan of work has been given to the Commission at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to commencement of work, and provided that the work is performed in accordance with standards adopted in regulations promulgated under this bylaw.

The application and permit required by this bylaw shall not apply to any emergency project necessary for public health and safety, provided that the work is to be performed by an agency of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof; provided that advance notice, oral or written has been given to the Commission or its agent within 24 hours after commencement; provided that the Commission or its agent certifies the work as an emergency project; provided that the work is performed only for the time and place certified by the Commission for the limited purpose necessary to abate the emergence; and provided that within 21 days of commencement of an emergency project a permit application shall be filed with the Commission for review as provided by this bylaw. Upon failure to meet these and other requirements of the Commission, the Commission may, after notice and a public hearing, revoke or modify an emergency project approval and order restoration and mitigation measures.

The application and permit required by this bylaw shall not be required for work performed for the normal maintenance or improvement of lands in lawful, active agricultural use, provided that the work conforms to performance standards and design specifications in regulations adopted by the Commission.

Other than as stated in this section, the exceptions provided in the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. 131, sec. 40 and Regulations, 310 CMR 10.00 shall not apply under this bylaw.

Section 4: Requests for Determination and Applications for Permits

Written application shall be filed with the Commission to perform activities affecting wetland and upland resource areas protected by this bylaw. The permit application shall include such information and plans as are deemed necessary by the Commission to describe proposed activities and their potential effects on the resource areas protected by this bylaw. No activities shall commence without receiving and complying with a permit issued pursuant to this bylaw.

Any person desiring to know whether or not a proposed activity or an area is subject to this bylaw shall request in writing a determination from the Commission. Such request for determination shall contain data and plans as specified by regulations adopted under this bylaw.

The Commission in an appropriate case may accept any request, application and plans filed under M.G.L. Section 40 as having also been filed under this bylaw. An application for a permit or a request for determination shall be hand delivered or sent by certified mail to the Commission.

The Commission may reasonably request that a separate submittal be made under this bylaw if concerns which may arise pursuant to this bylaw are not addressed as part of the original submittal.

WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION BYLAW (continued)

The applicant shall pay fees as specified in regulations adopted under this bylaw. The fee is in addition to that required by the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Ch. 131, sec. 40. The Commission may waive the fees, costs, and expenses for an application or request filed by a government agency, or if the project serves a public purpose as determined by the Commission.

Upon receipt of a permit application or Request for Determination, the Commission is authorized to require an applicant to pay a fee for the reasonable costs and expenses borne by the Commission for expert engineering and other consultant or legal services ("Consultant Services") deemed necessary by the Commission to come to a final decision on the application. This fee is called the "consultant fee". The Consultant Services may include, but are not limited to, performing or verifying the accuracy of resource area survey and delineation; analyzing resource area functions and values, including wildlife habitat evaluations, hydrogeologic and drainage analysis; and researching environmental or land use law.

The exercise of discretion by the Commission in making its determination to require the payment of a consultant fee shall be based upon its reasonable finding that additional information available through outside consultants is necessary for the making of an objective decision. Any applicant aggrieved by the imposition of, or amount of, the consultant fee, or any act related thereto, may appeal according to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws. The consultant fee charged to reimburse the Commission for reasonable costs and expenses shall be based on the overall project costs and shall not exceed $15,000.

Section 5: Notice and Hearings

Any person filing a permit or other application or RFD with the Commission, shall give written notice by certified mail (return receipt requested) or hand delivered, to all abutters at their mailing addresses shown on the most recent applicable tax list of the assessors, including owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way (within 300 feet of the boundaries of the locus of the proposed project or 100 feet of the property line on which the project is to be carried out, whichever is greater), including any in another municipality or across a body of water. The Commission may at its own discretion request that additional parties who may be affected by the proposed project (including but not necessarily limited to, those affected by or through changes in surface water runoff patterns, impact on the groundwater table, etc,) to be notified according to the procedures established for abutters as described above. The notice to abutters shall have enclosed a copy of the permit application or request, with plans, or shall state where copies may be examined by abutters. An affidavit of the person providing such notice, with a copy of the notice mailed or delivered, shall be filed with the Commission. When a person requesting a determination is other than the owner, the request, the notice of the hearing and the determination itself shall be sent by the Commission to the owner as well as to the person making the request. The Commission shall conduct a public hearing on any permit application, Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANORAD), or RFD, with written notice given at the expense of the applicant, five business days prior to the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in Wenham.

WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION BYLAW (continued)

The Commission shall commence the public hearing within 21 days from receipt of a completed permit application, ANORAD, or RFD unless an extension is authorized in writing by the applicant or unless a hearing is delayed beyond 21 days by conditions beyond the reasonable control of the Commission, in which case the hearing will be held as soon as reasonably possible. The Commission shall have the authority to continue the hearing to a specific date announced at the hearing for reasons stated at the hearing, which may include the need for additional information from the applicant or from others as deemed necessary by the Commission in its discretion, to solicit or respond to comments and recommendations of the boards and officials listed in the following section. In the event the applicant objects to a continuance or postponement, the hearing shall be closed and the Commission shall take action on such information as is available.

The Commission shall issue its permit, other order, or determination in writing within 21 days of the close of the public hearing thereon unless an extension is authorized in writing by the applicant.

The Commission shall combine its hearing under this bylaw with the hearing conducted under the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. Ch. 131, §40, and Regulations, 310 CMR 10.00 in instances of concurrent jurisdiction.

Section 6: Coordination with Other Boards

The Conservation Commission may choose to solicit the advice and opinions of other Town boards and officials in the course of its deliberations. Town boards and officials shall be entitled to file written comments and recommendations with the Commission at or before the public hearing. The Commission shall take any such comments and recommendations into account but shall not be bound by them. The applicant shall have the right to receive any comments and recommendations, and will be given the opportunity to respond to them at a hearing of the Commission, prior to final action.

Any application for a permit or determination shall at the same time be mailed or delivered to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Health and Building Inspector.

If the Conservation Commission, after a public hearing, determines that the activities which are subject to the permit application or the land and water uses which will result therefrom, are likely to have a significant effect upon the resource area values protected by the bylaw, the Commission, within 21 days of the close of the hearing, shall issue or deny a permit for the activities requested. If it issues a permit, the Commission shall impose conditions which the Commission deems necessary or desirable to protect those values, and all activities shall be done in accordance with those conditions. The Commission shall take into account the adverse effects of loss, degradation, isolation, and replication of protected resource areas throughout the community and the watershed, resulting from past activities, permitted and exempt, and foreseeable future activities.

Where no conditions are adequate to protect those resource values, the Commission is empowered to deny a permit for failure to meet the requirements of this bylaw. It may also deny a permit: for failure to submit necessary information and plans requested by the Commission; for failure to meet the design specifications, performance standards, and other requirements in regulations of the Commission, or for failure to avoid or prevent unacceptable effects upon the resource area values

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protected by this bylaw. Due consideration shall be given to any demonstrated hardship on the applicant by reason of denial, as presented at the public hearing.

Lands within 200 feet of rivers, ponds and lakes, and lands within 100 feet of other resource areas, are presumed important to the protection of these resources because activities undertaken in close proximity to resource areas have a high likelihood of adverse impact upon the wetland or other resource, either immediately, as a consequence of construction, or over time, as a consequence of daily operation or existence of the activities. These adverse impacts from construction and use can include, without limitation, erosion, siltation, loss of groundwater recharge, poor water quality, and loss of wildlife habitat. The Commission may therefore establish performance standards for protection of such lands including without limitation strips of continuous, undisturbed vegetative cover within the 200-foot or 100-foot area, or other form of work limit or setback to buildings, roads, landscaping and other features, unless the applicant convinces the Commission that the area or part of it may be disturbed without harm to the values protected by the bylaw. The specific size and type of protected area may be established by regulations of the Commission.

In the review of areas within 200 feet of rivers, ponds and lakes, no permit issued hereunder shall permit any activities unless the applicant, in addition to meeting the otherwise applicable requirements of this bylaw, has proved by a preponderance of the evidence that (1) there is no practicable alternative to the proposed project with less adverse effects, and that (2) such activities, including proposed mitigation measures, will have no significant adverse impact on the areas or values protected by this bylaw. The Commission shall regard as practicable an alternative which is reasonably available and capable of being done after taking into consideration the proposed property use, overall project purpose (e.g., residential, institutional, commercial, or industrial purpose), logistics, existing technology, costs of the alternatives, and overall project costs.

To prevent wetlands loss, the Commission shall require applicants to avoid wetlands alteration wherever feasible; shall minimize wetlands alteration; and, where alteration is unavoidable, shall require full mitigation which shall include, at a minimum, complete replacement or restoration of the lost wetlands. The Commission may authorize or require replication of wetlands as a form of mitigation, but only with adequate security, professional design, and monitoring to assure success, because of the high likelihood of failure of replication.

The Commission may require a wildlife habitat study of the project area to be paid for by the applicant, whenever it deems appropriate, regardless of the type of resource area or the amount or type of alteration proposed. The decision shall be based upon the Commission's estimation of the importance of the habitat area considering (but not limited to) such factors as proximity to other areas suitable for wildlife, importance of wildlife "corridors" in the area, or possible presence of rare species in the area. The work shall be performed by an individual who at least meets the qualifications set out in the wildlife habitat section of the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.60).

The Commission shall presume that all areas meeting the definition of "vernal pools" under Section 9 of this bylaw, including the adjacent area, perform essential habitat functions. This presumption may be overcome only by the presentation of credible evidence which, in the judgment of the Commission,

WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION BYLAW (continued)

demonstrates that the basin or depression does not provide essential habitat functions. Any formal evaluation should be performed by an individual meeting the qualifications under the wildlife habitat section of the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations.

A permit shall expire three years from the date of issuance. Notwithstanding the above, the Commission in its discretion may issue a permit expiring five years from the date of issuance for recurring or continuous maintenance work, provided that annual notification of time and location of work is given to the Commission. Any permit may be renewed once for an additional one year period, provided that a request for a renewal is received in writing by the Commission prior to expiration. Notwithstanding the above, a permit may identify requirements which shall be enforceable for a stated number of years, indefinitely, or until permanent protection is in place, and shall apply to all owners of the land.

For good cause the Commission may revoke any permit, other order, determination or other decision issued under this bylaw after notice to the holder of the permit, the public, abutters, and town boards, pursuant to Sections 5 and 6, and a public hearing. Amendments to permits or determinations shall be handled in a manner set out in the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations and policies thereunder.

The Commission in an appropriate case may combine the decision issued under this bylaw with the Order of Conditions, Order of Resource Area Delineation (ORAD), Determination of Applicability or Certificate of Compliance issued under the Wetlands Protection Act and Regulations.

No work proposed in any application shall be undertaken until the permit, ORAD or determination issued by the Commission with respect to such work has been recorded in the registry of deeds or, if the land affected is registered land, in the registry section of the land court for the district wherein the land lies, and until the holder of the permit certifies in writing to the COmmission that the document has been recorded. If the applicant fails to perform, the Commission may record the documents itself.

Section 8: Regulations and Establishment of Fees

After public notice and public hearing, the Commission may promulgate or amend rules and regulations to accomplish the purposes of this bylaw and may establish a schedule of filing fees and consultant fees to be paid by persons making requests for determinations or applications for permits hereunder, effective when approved by majority vote of the Commission and filed with the Town Clerk. Failure by the Commission to promulgate such rules and regulations or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court of law shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effort of this bylaw.

Section 9: Definitions

ADJACENT UPLAND RESOURCE AREA The term "adjacent upland resource area" shall include all lands with 100 feet of wetland resource areas as enumerated in Section 2, except for perennial streams and rivers for which the adjacent upland resource area extends for 200 feet from the top of bank, and except for vernal pools, ponds under 10,000 square feet in area for which special adjacent upland resource area definitions are described below.

ALTER The term "alter" shall include, without limitation, the following activities when undertaken to, upon, within or affecting resource areas protected by this bylaw:

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A. Removal, excavation, or dredging of soil, sand gravel, or aggregate materials of any kind
B. Changing of preexisting drainage characteristics, flushing characteristics, salinity distribution, sedimentation patterns, flow patterns, or flood retention characteristics
C. Drainage, or other disturbance of water level or water table
D. Dumping, discharging, or filling with any material which may degrade or otherwise impact water quality
E. Placing of fill, or removal of material, which would alter elevation
F. Driving of piles, erection, expansion or repair of buildings, or structures of any kind
G. Placing of obstructions or objects in water
H. Destruction of plant life including cutting or trimming of trees and shrubs
I. Changing temperature, biochemical oxygen demand, or other physical, biological, or chemical characteristics of any waters
J. Any activities, changes, or work which may cause or tend to contribute to pollution of any body of water or groundwater (including the application of pesticides and herbicides)
K. Incremental activities which have, or may have, a cumulative adverse impact on the resource areas protected by this bylaw
L. Placing of materials which have a reasonable likelihood of contributing to pollution or of impacting water quality through surface run-off, groundwater infiltration or air borne transport including but not limited to yard and landscaping wastes and debris, slash, soils and sediments, woodchips, mulch, grit, gravel or other organic and inorganic materials

BANK The term "bank" shall include the land area which normally abuts and confines a water body; the lower boundary being the mean annual flow level, and the upper boundary being the first observable break in the slope or the mean annual flood level, whichever is higher.

PERSON The term "person" shall include any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business organization, trust, estate, the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof to the extent subject to town bylaws, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, this municipality, and any other legal entity, its legal representatives, agents, or assigns.

POND The term "pond" shall follow the definition of 310 CMR 10.04 except that the size threshold of 10,000 square feet shall not apply.

RARE SPECIES The term "rare species" shall include, without limitation, all vertebrate and invertebrate animal and all plant species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, regardless of whether the site in which they occur has been previously identified by the Division.

VERNAL POOL The term "vernal pool" shall include, in addition to scientific definitions found in the regulations under the Wetlands Protection Act, any confined basin or depression not occurring in existing lawns, gardens, landscaped areas or driveways which, at least in most years, holds water for a minimum of two continuous months during the spring and/or summer, contains at least 150 cubic feet of water (approximately 1000 gallons) at some time during most years, is free of adult predatory fish populations, and provides essential breeding and rearing habitat functions for amphibian, reptile or other vernal

pool community species, regardless of whether the site has been certified by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. The boundary of the resource area for vernal pools shall be 100 feet outward from the mean annual high-water line defining the depression, but shall not include existing lawns, gardens, landscaped or developed areas.

Except as otherwise required by this bylaw or regulations promulgated thereunder, definitions and regulations set forth in M.G.L., Ch. 131, sec. 40 and 310 Code of Mass. Regulations 10.00 effective November 1987 as amended from time to time shall apply.

Section 10: Security

As part of a permit issued under this bylaw, in addition to any security required by any other municipal or state board, agency, or official, the Commission may require that the performance and observance of the conditions imposed thereunder including conditions requiring mitigation work) be secured wholly or in part by one or more of the methods as described below:

A. By a proper bond or deposit of money or negotiable securities or other undertaking of financial responsibility sufficient in the opinion of the Commission, to be released in whole or in part upon issuance of a Certificate of Compliance for work performed pursuant to the permit

B. By accepting a conservation restriction, easement, or other covenant enforceable in a court of law, executed and duly recorded by the owner of record, running with the land to the benefit of this municipality whereby the permit conditions shall be performed and observed before any lot may be conveyed, unless postponement of the execution is due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the applicant and delays in conveyance would impose an unreasonable burden on the applicant. This method shall be used only with the consent of the applicant

Section 11: Enforcement

No person shall remove, fill dredge, build upon, degrade, or otherwise alter resource areas protected by this bylaw, or cause, suffer, or allow such activity, or leave in place unauthorized fill, or otherwise fail to restore illegally altered land to its original condition, or fail to comply with a permit or an enforcement order issued pursuant to this bylaw.

The Commission and its agents shall have the authority to enter upon privately owned land for the purpose of performing their duties under this bylaw and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Commission deems necessary, subject to the constitutions and laws of the United States and the Commonwealth.

The Commission shall also have authority to enforce this bylaw, its regulations, and permits issued thereunder by enforcement orders, violation notices, non-criminal citations under G.L. Ch. 40 §D[1h1][1h2] and civil and criminal court actions. Municipal boards and officers, including any police officer or other officer having police powers, shall have authority to assist the Commission in enforcement. Any person who violates the provisions of this bylaw may be ordered to restore the property to its original condition and take other action deemed necessary to remedy such violations, or may be fined, or both.

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Upon request of the Commission, the Selectboard and town counsel shall take legal action for enforcement under civil law. Upon request of the Commission, the Chief of Police may take legal action for enforcement under criminal law.

Any person who violates any provision of this bylaw, or regulation, permits, or administrative orders issued thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than $300.00. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues or unauthorized fill or other alteration remains in place shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the bylaw, regulations, permits, or administrative orders violated shall constitute a separate offense.

As an alternative to criminal prosecution in a specific case, the Commission may issue citations under the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in G.L. Ch. 40 21D, which has been adopted by the Town of Wenham in its general bylaws.

Section 12: Severability

The invalidity of any section or provision of this bylaw shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof, nor shall it invalidate any permit or determination which previously has been issued.

Section 13: Burden of Proof

The applicant for a permit shall have the burden of proof of proving by a preponderance of credible evidence that the work proposed in the permit application will not have unacceptable significant effect upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw. Failure to provide adequate evidence to the Commission supporting this burden shall be sufficient cause for the Commission to deny a permit or grant a permit with conditions.

Section 14: Appeals

A decision of the Commission shall be reviewable in the Superior Court in accordance with G.L. Ch. 249, sec. 4.

Section 15: Relation to the Wetland Protection Act

This bylaw is adopted under the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution and the Home Rule statutes, independent of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Ch. 131, sec. 40, and Regulations 310 CMR 10.00, there.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN Water Tower Painting: Additional Funding

To see if the Town will vote to increase the total appropriation and borrowing authorized for the cost of painting the Lord's Hill water tank, by an amount to be recommended by the Water Commission, said amount to be used with the amount approved under Article 7 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting, said amount to be raised by a borrowing under General Laws, Chapter 44 as a general obligation of the town, the principal, interest, and cost of which, however, are to be paid by the water rates.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN Water Tower Painting: Additional Funding (continued)

MOTION THE WATER COMMISSION MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO INCREASE THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION AND BORROWING AUTHORIZED FOR THE COST OF PAINTING THE LORD'S HILL WATER TANK BY $75,000, SAID AMOUNT TO BE USED WITH THE AMOUNT APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THE 2004 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, SAID AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY A BORROWING UNDER GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44 AS A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE TOWN, PRINCIPAL, INTEREST, AND COST OF WHICH, HOWEVER, ARE TO BE PAID FOR BY THE WATER RATES.

Moved by Richard K. Quateman, Chairman of the Water Commission, seconded by the Board of Commissioners, with the support of the Board of Selectmen and no position taken by the Finance and Advisory Committee

TWO/THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2477
QUORUM: 5% - 124
VOTERS PRESENT: 219

VOTERS CARDS

MOTION DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

ARTICLE FIFTEEN Canine Control Bylaw

To see if the Town will vote to accept MGL Chapter 140, Section 147A, empowering the town to enact a bylaw relative to the regulation of dogs, and to adopt effective July 1, 2007, a bylaw of the town of Wenham pertaining to the regulation of dogs in substantially the form set forth in Appendix B to the Warrant.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF MGL CHAPTER 140, SECTION 147A, AND ADOPT A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF WENHAM FOR THE REGULATION OF DOGS IN THE FORM SET FORTH IN APPENDIX B TO THE WARRANT, AND TO DIRECT THE CLERK TO FILE A TRUE COPY OF THE SAME WITH THE RECORDS OF THE MEETING.

Moved by Thomas Tanous, Selectman, and seconded by the Board of Selectmen; no position taken by the Finance and Advisory Committee

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2477
QUORUM: 5% - 124
VOTERS PRESENT: 219

VOTER CARDS

MOTION DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

CANINE CONTROL BY-LAW

1 PREAMBLE

1.1 Purpose. The purpose of the Wenham Canine Regulation By-Law, hereinafter called the "By-Law", is to:

a. Establish a Town-wide program to register dogs owned by Wenham residents.
b. Establish fees for the registration of dogs and to set fines for violations of the By-Law.
c. Establish rules and regulations for the control of dog complaints caused by nuisance.
d. Authorize a Town Agent to enforce the provisions of the "By-Law".

CANINE CONTROL BY-LAW (continued)

1.2 Authority. The "By-Law" has been adopted pursuant to the provisions of GLc 140-147A.

2 PROCEDURE.

2.1 Registration of Dogs. Notwithstanding the provisions of GLc 140-137 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the registering, numbering, describing and licensing of dogs kept in the Town shall be conducted in the Office of the Town Clerk.

2.2 Manner of Display. The owner or keeper of a dog registered in Wenham shall cause it to wear around its neck or body, a collar or harness to which shall be securely attached a tag in a form as prescribed by the Town Clerk and available at the Town Clerk's office.

2.3 Fees Established. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 139 of Chapter 140 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the annual fees to be charged by the Town for the issuance of licenses for all dogs six (6) months old or older, shall be:

All Dogs (male or female) Ten ($10.00) dollars, per registered dog

Kennel (four (4) or more dogs) Two hundred ($200.00) dollars, maximum fifty (50) tags.

Any owner or keeper of a dog, owned or kept in Wenham as of January 1 of each year, who fails to register that dog on or before January 31 of each year shall pay a late fee of twenty-five ($25.00) dollars in addition to any other fees provided for in this By-Law, for each such dog not registered in accordance with the provisions of this section.

No dog shall be licensed for the current year until all fees and fines from the previous year have been paid.

2.4 Fees to Be Paid into Town Treasury. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 147 of said Chapter 140 or any other provision of law to the contrary, all money received from the issuance of dog licenses by the Town, or recovered as fines or penalties by the Town under the provisions of Chapter 140 relating to dogs, shall be paid into the treasury of the Town of Wenham and shall not thereafter be paid over by the Town Treasurer to Essex County.

2.5 Damages Paid from Town Treasury. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 147 of said Chapter 140 or any other provision of law to the contrary, whoever suffers loss by the worrying, maiming or killing of his livestock or fowl by dogs outside the premises of the owners or keepers of such dogs, shall, after investigation as provided in Section 161 of Chapter 140, be paid from the Town Treasury as provided in Section 161 of Chapter 140.

3 DOG COMPLAINTS FOR NUISANCE.

3.1 Definition of Nuisance. Animal behavior which constitutes a nuisance includes, but is not limited to, the following: molesting passerby or passing vehicles (including bicycles), attacking persons or domestic animals, trespassing on school grounds or other public property, damaging public or private property, barking, whining, or howling in an excessive, continuous, or untimely fashion.

3.2 Duties and Powers of Animal Control Officer. The Animal Control Officer shall attend to all complaints, and other matters pertaining to dogs, and shall take whatever legal action is authorized by law. The Animal Control Officer

CANINE CONTROL BYLAW (continued)

shall be empowered to enforce this By-Law and no person shall interfere with or hinder, molest or abuse any Animal Control Officer in the exercise of such powers.

3.3 Abandoned and Abused Dogs. The Animal Control Officer shall confine any animal found to be without adequate care, or found in unsanitary or unsafe conditions or that has been abused, abandoned, or neglected. Any such animal shall be confined for not less than three (3) days.

3.4 Impounded Dogs. Impounded dogs shall be kept for ten (10) days unless reclaimed by their owners. Dogs not claimed by their owners within ten (10) days or placed in suitable new homes, may be humanely euthanized by the Animal Control Officer or by an agency delegated by him to exercise that authority.

3.5 Quarentined Dogs. Any dog which bites a person shall be quarantined for ten (10) days if ordered by the Animal Control Officer. During quarantine, the dog shall be securely confined and kept from contact with any other animals. At the discretion of the Animal Control Officer, the quarantine may be on the premises of the owner. If the Animal Control Officer requires other confinement, the owner shall surrender the animal for the quarantine period to an animal shelter or shall, at his own expense, place it in a veterinary hospital.

3.6 Female Dogs in Heat. If the Animal Control Officer determines that a female animal, in heat, even when confined to the property of the owner or keeper, is attracting other animals to the area, which condition causes disturbance or damage to neighboring property or public areas, the Animal Control Officer may require the owner or keeper to place and keep the animal while in heat in a kennel or to remove it from the area so that the nuisance is abated.

3.7 Uncontrolled Dogs. The Animal Control Officer is authorized to require owners or keepers of dogs to prevent such dogs from running at large in schools, school playgrounds, parks or public recreational areas. The Animal Control Officer is further authorized to require owners or keepers of dogs to restrain their dogs from running at large when it has been determined by the Animal Control Officer that the dog is an annoyance, is dangerous, is known to cause damage in the neighborhood, or further is on the property of an owner who does not wish the dog on his or her property.

3.8 Barking Dogs. If the Animal Control Officer determines that an animal is a nuisance due to excessive barking, whining or howling in a continuous or untimely fashion, the Animal Control Officer is authorized to order the owner or keeper to house the animal.

3.9 Fee and Fine Enforcement. All pound fees, pickup fees and fines including the licensing fee shall be paid by the owner or keeper before release of the dog or dogs.

3.10 Pick-Up Fees. The owner of any stray dog picked up by the Animal Control Officer shall be charged a ten ($10.00) dollar fee.

3.11 Appeal of Order. The owner or keeper of a dog, about which the Animal Control Officer has issued an order, under the above sections of the By-Law, who wishes to appeal the order, may make such an appeal to the Board of Selectmen within ten (10) days of the issuance of the order. In the event of such an appeal the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing.

CANINE CONTROL BY-LAW (continued)

4 ENFORCEMENT; PENALTY

4.1 Violation; Fines. Any person violating any provision of the By-Law, other than those provisions of subsection 2.3 relating to the deadline for registering dogs, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of twenty-five ($25.00) dollars for the first offence and fifty ($50.00) dollars for each subsequent offense. If any violation be continuing, each day's violation shall be deemed a separate violation. Complaints will be sought in District Court according to GLc 140-173A. Under the provisions of this By-Law, the Town Clerk is authorized to accept payment of fines for violations, sought in the District Court.

4.2 Enforcement Officer. The Animal Control Officer and/or Police are hereby authorized to issue a Notice of Violation to an owner or keeper who has violated any provisions of the By-Law.

4.3 Enforcement Officer. Notwithstanding the provisions of this By-Law, all other aspects of Chapter 140, Sections 135A through 175 shall still be in effect.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of $15,000 from the income on gifts balance in the Cemetery Perpetual Care account(s) to the Highway Department, account 422-5200, to provide for maintenance of the town cemeteries, and to authorize the Town Accountant to effectuate such transfer.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER THE AMOUNT OF $15,000 FROM THE INCOME ON GIFTS BALANCE IN THE CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE ACCOUNT(S) TO THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, ACCOUNT 422-5200, TO PROVIDE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE TOWN CEMETERIES, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT TO EFFECTUATE SUCH TRANSFER.

MODERATOR'S REMARKS

The Cemetery Commissioners receive perpetual care gifts which the Treasurer invests, and the income can, under state law, be used to pay maintenance costs of caring for the cemetery. In Wenham, rather than contracting with a private landscapte service paid from this income account, the Highway Department provides these services for the cemetery. In the past, this portion of the highway budget was covered by the Article 2 budget and its raised tax revenues. This year, town officials realized that this income account was available to fund these services, and this article was put in the warrant in case Town Meeting action was necessary to transfer the funds. However, I understand that the funds have been transferred administratively, and that we need not take any action on this article.

I propose that we instruct the Town Clerk to record that Article 16 was passed over without action.

ARTICLE WAS PASSED OVER WITHOUT ACTION

Consideration of all articles in the Warrant having been completed, the Moderator announced the results of the morning's election (see pages 91-93).

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Meeting to the Override Election, Thursday, May 17, 2007, from 7AM to 8PM. The Meeting was declared adjourned at 3:30PM.

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007
BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
7AM - 8PM

BALLOT ACCOUNTING

BALLOT BOX READING AT CLOSE OF ELECTION	634
Regular Ballots cast	617
Absentee Ballots cast	17
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	634

REGULAR BALLOT ACCOUNTING

Regular Ballots provided	1500
Regular Ballots cast	617
Spoiled Ballots	0
Test Ballots	5
Unused Ballots	878
TOTAL REGULAR BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	1500

ABSENTEE BALLOT ACCOUNTING

Absentee Ballots provided	105
Absentee Ballots cast	17
Absentee Ballots unreturned	1
Absentee Ballots rejected	0
Test Ballots	5
Unused Ballots	82
TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS ACCOUNTED FOR	105

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

QUESTION ONE Emergency Road Repair Funding (Phase II)

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond to be issued in order to pay for unforeseen emergency costs related to rainstorm and resulting flooding in the Town, including infrastructure repairs and replacements to Town roads, consisting of the construction and reconstruction of such roads, related drainage and sidewalk repairs and replacements, and other related repairs, and costs of the Fire, Police and Highway Departments for extra personnel costs, expenses and contracted service costs related to such rainstorm and flooding and (b) that such borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of any federal or state aid received prior to the incurring of such borrowing; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for such costs?

Notice posted for voters

BALLOT QUESTION 1, EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR FUNDING (PHASE II), WAS NOT ACTED UPON AT THE TOWN MEETING AND, THEREFORE, IS NOT A VALID BALLOT QUESTION AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AT THIS ELECTION.

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007 (continued)

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE (continued)

QUESTION TWO Operating Budget - Regional School District

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $154,817 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2007?

YES	468
NO	165
BLANKS	1
TOTAL VOTE	634

QUESTION THREE Capital Override

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $113,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of a dump truck for the Highway Department and the retrofitting of the elementary school for Emergency Management purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?

YES	425
NO	206
BLANKS	3
TOTAL VOTE	634

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

DISSOLUTION OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR 2007

At a regularly posted meeting of the Board of Selectmen (June 5, 2007, 7:30PM), the following met to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting: Selectmen John Clemenzi, Peter Hersee, and Lawrence Swartz, and Assessor Thomas Tanous; Moderator Paul Weaver and Town Clerk Frances Young. At 7:32PM, Moderator Weaver reopened the Meeting and announced that the Special Election being completed and there being no further business which could legally come before the meeting, he would entertain a motion to dissolve the Meeting. Mr. Hersee so moved and Mr. Tanous seconded the motion. It was unanimously voted to dissolve the 2007 Annual Town Meeting at 7:35PM.

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
Western Massachusetts Division
1350 Main Street
Springfield, Massachusetts 01103-1629

July 25, 2007

Frances Harte Young
5 School Street
Wenham, MA 01984

RE: Wenham Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2007 - Case #4406
Warrant Articles #13 and 15 (General)

Dear Ms. Young:

Articles 13 and 15 - I return with the approval of this Office the amendments to the town by-laws adopted under these Articles on the warrant for the Wenham annual town meeting that convened on May 5, 2007.

Article 13 - The amendments adopted under Article 13 add a new Water Resources Protection By-law to the town's general by-laws. Section 10 pertains to security for work performed under a permit and provides in pertinent part as follows:

> As part of a permit issued under this bylaw, in addition to any security required by any other municipal or state board, agency, or official, the Commission may require that the performance and observance of the conditions imposed thereunder (including conditions requiring mitigation work) be secured wholly or in part by one or more of the methods described below:
>
> A. By a proper bond or **deposit of money or negotiable securities or other undertaking of financial responsibility** sufficient in the opinion of the Commission, to be released in whole or in part upon issuance of a Certificate of Compliance for work performed pursuant to the permit.

In approving the above-quoted text, we remind the town of the requirements of G.L.c.44,§53. General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53, provides that "[a]ll moneys received by a city, town or district officer or department, except as otherwise provided by special acts and except fees provided for by statute, shall be paid by such officers or department upon their receipt into the city, town or district treasury." We can only find a few statutes that deal with moneys held by a town for the performance of obligations by a private party. For example, G.L.c.41,§81U, authorizes acceptance of a cash deposit in lieu of a performance bond to secure installation of infrastructure required by planning board approval of subdivision plans and, by local acceptance, such a deposit may be spent by the board for the completion [of] the work if it is under $100,000. Absent statutory authority, it is unclear if treasurers can serve as an escrow agent if the money is not public funds or how the money could be spent without appropriation if the money is public funds. We suggest that the town discuss this issue in more detail with town counsel and the Department of Revenue, Bureau of Municipal Finance Law.

We next call the town's attention to Section 11, which pertains to enforcement of the proposed by-law and provides in pertinent part as follows:

> The Commission and its agents shall have the authority to enter upon privately owned land for the purpose of performing their duties under this bylaw and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Commission deems necessary, subject to the constitutions and laws of the United States and the Commonwealth.

While the state Wetlands Act (G.L.c.131,c.40,§17) provides that "[t]he conservation commission and its agents, officers and employees...may enter upon privately owned land for the purpose of performing their **duties under this section**" (emphasis added), this power is conferred upon the Commission for use in limited circumstances. For example, permission for the Commission to enter upon land is inferred when a person applies to the Commission for a Determination of Applicability, or files a Notice of Intent with respect to which it is the duty of the Commission to fashion an appropriate Order of Conditions. Clearly, the Commission could not perform its duty without entering upon the property to make the necessary inspections. The Commission members do not have the authority either under the Act or under the **proposed by-law** to conduct warrantless searches of private property without permission of the owner, nor may the Commission enter upon private property to inspect violations of the law. Commonwealth v. John G. Grant & Sons Co., Inc., 403 Mass. 151, 159-160 (1988). Rather, the statute is more properly construed to mean that when the authority of the Commission is invoked by the filing of an application, the application itself may be construed as an implied permission for the Commission to enter upon the land for the limited purpose of performing the duties triggered thereby. When entry upon private property is necessary or appropriate for the investigation of an apparent or suspected violation of the by-law, it would be necessary for the Commission to obtain an administrative search warrant to do so in the absence of express permission by the owner or other lawful means.

Article 15 - The vote under Article 15 was a vote to accept the provisions of G.L.c.140,§147A, which is a local option statute that allows towns that accept its provisions to enact by-laws relative to the regulation of dogs. The vote under Article 15 was also a vote to add a new general by-law captioned, "Canine Control By-Law." We remind the town that we take no action on that portion of the vote that accepted the provisions of G.L.c.140,§147A. Votes to accept statutes are not by-law amendments and, thus, are not subject to review and approval by the Attorney General. G.L.c.40,§32.

In approving the amendments adopted under Article 15, we call the town's attention to Section 2, which pertains to the procedures for the issuance of a dog license and provides in pertinent part as follows:

> Any owner or keeper of a dog, owned or kept in Wenham as of January 1 of each year, who fails to register that dog on or before January 31 of each year shall pay a **late fee of twenty-five ($25.00) dollars in addition to any other fees provided for in this By-Law,** for each such dog not registered in accordance with the provisions of this section.

In approving the late fee provision, we remind the town that fees cannot exceed the limits imposed on local government by the Constitution and the statutes of the Commonwealth. Valid fees are distinguishable from invalid taxes by three criteria: (i) the fee is assessed for a particular government

service benefitting the party paying the fee in a manner not shared by other persons; (ii) the person assessed has the option to decline the service and thus avoid the charge; and (iii) the amounts paid compensate the town for its costs and expenses of providing the services rather than raising revenues. Emerson College v. Boston, 391 Mass. 415, 427-28(1984). Moreover, a lawful fee is one that covers only the permit granting authority's reasonably anticipated costs of providing the services for which the fee is assessed. Southview Cooperative Housing Corp. v. Rent Control Board of Cambridge, 396 Mass. 395, 402 (1985). The town might wish to discuss with town counsel whether the late fee provision established by the proposed by-law amendment, collectively and as applied, amounts to a tax not specifically authorized by the Legislature and is therefore unlawful.

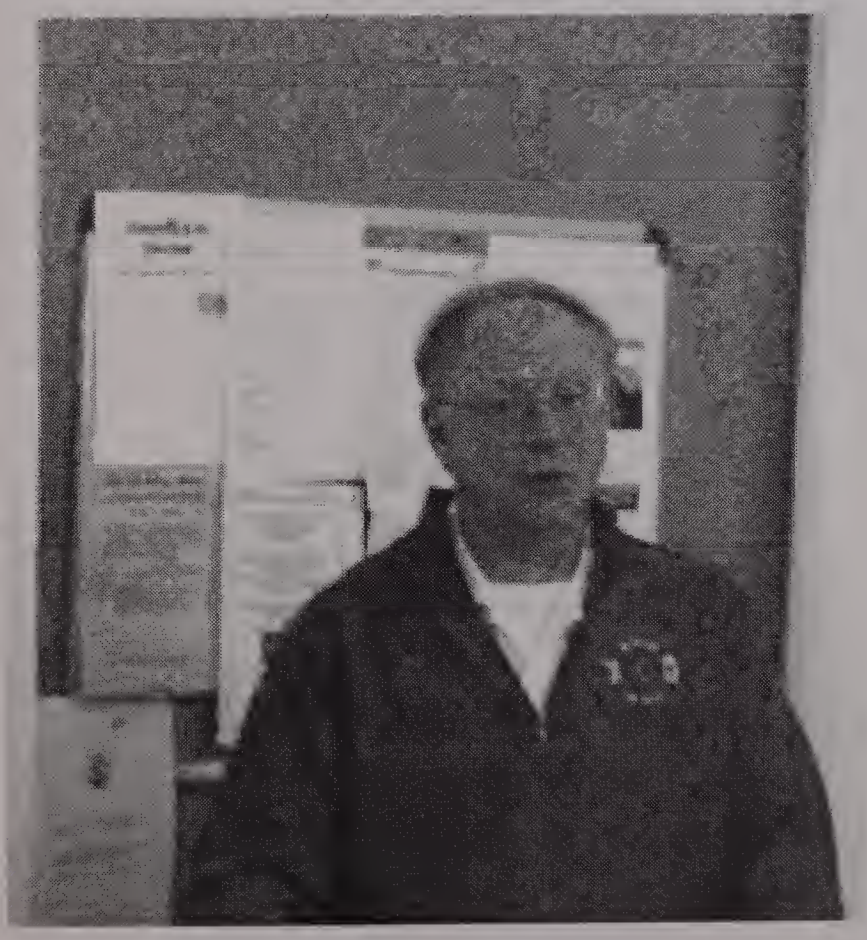
Very truly yours,

MARTHA COAKLEY, ATTORNEY GENERAL

Signed: Kelli E. Gunagan, Assistant Attorney General
By-law Coordinator, Municipal Law Unit

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Town Clerk

[To read Article Thirteen, please see pages 102-110; to read Article Fifteen, please see pages 111-114.]



Chief Robert Blanchard presenting at Council on Aging Coffee.

TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE 30, 2007

Eastern Bank - Money Market	$12,009.65
Eastern Bank - Vendor Account	$267.58
Eastern Bank - Payroll Account	$0.00
Eastern Bank - Payroll Tax Account	$0.00
Eastern Bank - Contingency Acct. CD	$0.00
Eastern Bank - Operating CD	$1,535,000.00
Eastern Bank - CPA CDs	$675,161.43
Eastern Bank - 40 Maple Contingency Fund	$53.95
Eastern Bank - Burley St. Contingency Fund	$339.23
Eastern Bank - Cable TV Account	$12.88
Eastern Bank - Iron Rail Security Deposit	$6,466.84
Eastern Bank - Town Hall/Police Station Money Market	$3,589,727.74
Century Bank - Money Market Acct.	$53,797.15
Unibank - Operating Acct.	$14,668.03
Bank of America - Town Investment Account	$123.05
Bartholomew - Trust & Misc. Fund Investment Account	$1,292,899.42
Citizen's Bank - Cable TV Acct	$149,882.60
TD Banknorth - Contingency Investment Acct.	$1,154,355.83
Total Bank Balance as of June 30, 2007	**$8,484,765.38**

TOWN OF WENHAM
TRUST FUND REPORT
JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007

NAME OF FUND	ORIGINAL ENDOWMENT	BALANCE 7/1/2006	INTEREST EARNED	OTHER INCOME	EXPENDED	BALANCE 6/30/2007
Cemetery Flower Funds						
Abbott Fund	200.00	223.26	9.92		5.00	228.18
George Badger Fund	100.00	112.15	4.96		2.00	115.11
Batchelder Fund	400.00	485.57	21.61		20.00	487.18
Becker Fund	1,000.00	1,156.48	51.40		30.00	1,177.88
Lloyd Brooks Fund	200.00	262.47	12.20		15.00	259.67
John D. Cannon Fund	175.00	195.10	8.67		3.00	200.77
Frank Corning Fund	200.00	223.26	9.92		5.00	228.18
D'Ambrosio Fund	200.00	285.71	12.59		15.00	283.30
Elizabeth Dodge Fund	200.00	223.26	9.92		5.00	228.18
Philip Ellwood Dodge Fund	200.00	223.27	9.93		5.00	228.20
Margaret R. Dudley Fund	200.00	223.26	9.92		5.00	228.18
Almont & Eleanor Elwell Fund	200.00	218.35	9.72			228.07
A & E Cosh Fund	500.00	622.67	27.46		14.50	635.63
Dorothy Pulsifier Fund	500.00	603.64	26.61			630.25
Mercy Featherstone Fund	425.00	492.36	21.91		15.00	499.27
Goodridge & Larabee Fund	200.00	223.26	9.92		5.00	228.18
Earle E. Johnson Fund	200.00	223.26	9.93		5.00	228.19
Col. Henry F. Kent Fund	200.00	223.26	9.92		5.00	228.18
George Kilham Fund	200.00	223.29	9.94		5.00	228.23
William B. Ludden Fund	200.00	269.19	12.01		10.00	271.20
Walter C. Ober Fund	400.00	508.83	22.66			531.49
Lena Peck Fund	225.00	289.61	12.91		15.00	287.52
A & M Perkins Fund	200.00	245.18	10.94		10.00	246.12
Edward A. Perkins Fund	200.00	299.45	13.36		15.00	297.81
Ruth D. Perkins Fund	500.00	774.04	34.56		40.00	768.60
John H. Rice Fund	100.00	117.66	5.24		3.00	119.90
Ralph M. Smith Fund	200.00	325.60	11.94		30.00	307.54
Elbridge Stanley Fund	200.00	223.26	9.92			233.18
Ethel B. Wentworth Fund	200.00	289.69	12.40			302.09
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		200,146.64	8,831.81	1,700.00	3,800.00	206,878.45
Conservation Fund	0.00	38,353.31	1,664.19	1,000.00		41,017.50
General Cemetery Funds						
David O. Allen Fund	475.00	1,319.09	58.63			1,377.72
Hattie L. Batchelder Fund	596.68	1,392.34	61.87			1,454.21
JH & ML Perkins Fund	1,000.00	1,876.36	84.41			1,960.77
Ethel B. Wentworth Fund	1,000.00	1,756.18	78.16		204.75	1,629.59
General Charity Funds						
John K. Dodge Fund	500.00	791.58	34.83		178.00	648.41
Mary E. Perkins Fund	3,000.00	3,330.55	146.70		230.00	3,247.25
Ralph M. Smith Fund	34,000.00	35,842.12	1,583.75		1,489.00	35,936.87
Elizabeth P. Tilton Fund	3,000.00	3,381.27	148.93		260.00	3,270.20
Benjamin F. Young Fund	1,620.00	2,168.91	95.50		343.00	1,921.41
Scholarship Fund		762.01	36.29	692.00		1,490.30
Education Fund		4,663.18	209.23	675.00		5,547.41
Elderly and Disabled Fund		2,034.49	93.86	1,610.32		3,738.67
Library Memorial Funds						
Louise E. Brown Fund	66,108.65	77,610.81	3,399.53		4,413.64	76,596.70
Charles W.& Marjorie Davis Fund	4,780.00	5,598.48	246.81			5,845.29
Judson W. Dodge Fund	500.00	1,375.45	60.63			1,436.08
Edwin P. Hawkins Fund	100.00	435.79	19.20			454.99
Nielson Fund	3,000.00	5,912.39	260.62			6,173.01
Rae Scott Memorial Trust	12,000.00	12,004.50	493.37		390.00	12,107.87
Dorothy Jones Library Fund	42.37	75.58	3.33			78.91
Francis Dolan Library Fund	260.36	455.33	20.11			475.44
Bernice H. Mersereau Library Fund	1,163.64	2,001.95	88.27			2,090.22
Leon W. Bishop Library Fund	1,164.97	1,228.70	54.17			1,282.87
Dodge Public Library Fund	1,808.95	3,104.09	136.85			3,240.94
John Harnett Jr. Library Fund	2,430.15	4,163.00	183.53			4,346.53
Justin Allen Library Fund	1,164.12	1,764.01	77.63		283.50	1,558.14
John F. & Ann Neary Library Fund	2,776.45	4,280.35	188.71	40.00		4,509.06
Priscilla Johnson Library Fund	540.00	730.04	32.19			762.23
Anita Bruyere Library Fund	490.00	839.31	37.00			876.31
Dr. Donald Conwell Library Fund	3,570.00	6,391.17	281.52		499.00	6,173.69
Katlyn MacCready Bird Educ'l Lib Fund	9,248.68	14,425.15	632.49		2,745.50	12,312.14
Marion K. Wilks Library Fund	2,490.00	2,863.92	126.24			2,990.16
James Hompe Memorial Library Fund	940.00	1,698.31	74.86			1,773.17
Percival & Elinor G. Whipple Library Fund	9,490.00	16,311.09	719.03			17,030.12
Newalt Rose A. Richards Mem'l Lib Trust	2,935.00	3,141.91	138.52			3,280.43
Eleanor H. Belton Mem'l Lib Trust	1,100.00	1,641.01	72.34			1,713.35
Elizabeth L. Beckett Mem'l Lib Trust Fund	975.00	1,451.26	64.01			1,515.27
Katherine Duffy Lib Trust Fund	65,000.00	67,269.36	3,037.00	78,601.69	2,666.00	146,242.05
Stabilization Fund	0.00	424,471.59	18,712.04			443,183.63
TOTALS	**247,195.02**	**968,848.97**	**42,720.55**	**84,319.01**	**17,784.89**	**1,078,103.64**
Treasurer Balance	**1,078,103.64**					
Accountants Balance	**1,077,821.14**					
DIFFERENCE	**282.50**	Difference equals last A/P Warrant of FY '07, dated 7-5-2007 Flower Fund Expenditures				

TOWN OF WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

TOWN OF WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2007

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Wenham, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts' management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position, where applicable, thereof for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 31, 2007, on our consideration of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Management's discussion and analysis, located on the following pages, and schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance – general fund and community preservation fund – budgetary basis, located after the notes to the basic financial statements, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Powers + Sullivan

October 31, 2007

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. These basic financial statements comprise of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of finances, in a manner similar to private-sector business.

The *statement of net assets* presents information on all assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net assets.* Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows.* Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities)* from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities).* The governmental activities include general government, public safety, education, public works, human services, culture and recreation, pension benefits, property and liability insurance, employee benefits, interest and state and county charges. The Town's business-type activities related to the water activities.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund statements focus on *near-term inflows of spendable resources,* as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities.*

The Town adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund and community preservation fund. Budgetary comparison schedules have been provided to demonstrate compliance with these budgets.

Proprietary funds. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The Town maintains one proprietary fund to account for its water activities.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the Town's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for propriety funds. The Town does not report any fiduciary funds.

Notes to the basic financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Segment of Grapevine Road sidewalk installed in 2007 as part of the town's ongoing sidewalk master plan implementation program.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

	Governmental Activities	
	FY07	FY06
Assets:		
Current assets	$ 9,372,682	$ 4,893,289
Noncurrent assets (excluding captital)	187,226	264,384
Capital assets	10,098,076	5,033,374
Total assets	**19,657,984**	**10,191,047**
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	1,005,479	187,844
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	149,000	46,000
Current debt	2,357,000	1,252,000
Noncurrent debt	7,735,000	1,400,000
Total liabilities	**11,246,479**	**2,885,844**
Net Assets:		
Capital assets net of related debt	3,270,852	2,381,374
Restricted	1,754,003	1,263,460
Unrestricted	3,386,650	3,660,369
Total net assets	**8,411,505**	**7,305,203**
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	1,126,057	940,867
Operating grants and contributions	747,655	325,624
Capital grants and contributions	238,844	182,507
General Revenues:		
Real estate and personal property taxes	9,625,024	9,062,693
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	543,602	616,729
Community preservation surcharge	237,711	224,179
Nonrestricted grants	540,610	696,748
Unrestiricted investment income	243,734	101,286
Other revenues	196,791	38,629
Total revenues	**13,500,028**	**12,189,262**
Expenses:		
General Government	1,112,356	1,043,180
Public Safety	2,483,245	2,179,073
Education	6,166,061	5,813,821
Public Works	1,295,769	1,139,354
Human Services	121,740	105,902
Culture and Recreation	977,010	983,997
Community preservation	20,595	-
Interest	220,298	93,375
Total expenses	**12,397,074**	**11,358,702**
Change in net assets	$ **1,102,954**	$ **830,560**

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. Assets exceeded liabilities by $8.4 million at the close of FY2007.

Net assets of $3.3 million (39%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the investment in its capital assets is reported net of its related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A restricted portion of the net assets totally $1.7 million (21%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of *unrestricted net assets* totally $3.4 million (40%) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net assets.

The governmental activities net assets increased by $1.1 million during the current fiscal year which reflects the Town's objective to maintain its financial position, invest in capital assets and to raise sufficient revenues to cover its current expenses.

Business-type Activities. The business type activities net assets increased by $162 thousand during the current fiscal year. The results reflect the town's intention to recover 100% of its costs of operations through rates.

The following table identifies key elements of the enterprise operations:

	Business-type Activities	
	FY07	FY06
Assets:		
Current assets	$ 392,366	$ 300,280
Capital assets	1,336,387	1,325,616
Total assets	**1,728,753**	**1,625,896**
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	26,089	10,782
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	22,000	21,900
Current debt	75,000	75,000
Noncurrent debt	925,000	1,000,000
Total liabilities	**1,048,089**	**1,107,682**
Net Assets:		
Capital assets net of related debt	336,387	250,616
Unrestricted	344,277	267,598
Total net assets	**680,664**	**518,214**
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	492,794	551,659
Total revenues	**492,794**	**551,659**
Expenses:		
Water expenses	285,350	322,206
Interest	44,994	51,836
Total expenses	**330,344**	**374,042**
Change in net assets	$ **162,450**	$ **177,617**

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, *unreserved fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $5.6 million, an increase of $2.9 million from the prior year.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was $1.413 million, while total fund balance was $1.441 million. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 11.8% of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 12.0% of that same amount. The General Fund's results of operation resulted in a $20 thousand decrease in fund balance.

The Town voted to establish a community preservation fund in FY2006 which is funded by a combination of real estate surcharges to tax payers and a matching grant from the Commonwealth. At the end of the year a positive balance of $683 thousand and a deferred receivable of $242,000 from the Commonwealth. As funds accumulate, the Town expects to appropriate funds in accordance with the legislation and the best interest of Wenham.

As more fully described in the notes to the financial statements, the Town is in the process of building a new police station and renovating Town Hall. At June 30th, the fund has a temporary surplus of $2.9 million. This surplus created by the issuance of $6.3 in long-term bonds will decrease as the project is completed.

As more fully described in the notes to the financial statements, the Town was required to repair damage to its infrastructure from floods. The Town borrowed $1.8 million in temporary notes and incurred expenses to date of $1.5 million. The long-term funding will be determined after the Town's application for grant funding is either approved or denied.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Town has adopted a $12.3 million dollar budget for the General Fund. The budget financed through current revenues and prior year reserves of $680 thousand. A budget deficit of $20 thousand was achieved for the fiscal year when the actual results are compared to the budgeted amounts. The Community Preservation fund is currently accumulating budgeted surplus and has increased the fund balance to $683 in FY2007. Appropriations were $37,000 in FY2007.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Outstanding long-term debt of governmental activities, as of June 30, 2007, totaled $8.3 million and bond/grant anticipation notes of $1.8 million related to the storm damage. The Water Enterprise Fund has $1.0 of long-term debt outstanding at year end which is fully supported by the rates.

During the fiscal year the Town acquired $5.5 million in new capital assets. Significant additions were $3.6 million for work on the Town Hall/Police Station project and $1.5 million for infrastructure assets.

Please refer to the Notes for further discussion of the debt and capital activity.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Finance Director.

Basic Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2007

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
CURRENT:			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 7,202,514	$ 238,588	$ 7,441,102
Investments	1,046,146	-	1,046,146
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Real estate and personal property taxes	196,421	-	196,421
Community preservation fund surtax	4,390	-	4,390
Tax liens	18,820	-	18,820
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	59,559	-	59,559
User fees	-	153,778	153,778
Departmental and other	1,624	-	1,624
Intergovernmental	308,487	-	308,487
Community preservation fund state share	237,714	-	237,714
Tax foreclosures	297,007	-	297,007
NONCURRENT:			
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Real estate tax deferrals	187,226	-	187,226
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:			
Nondepreciable	4,434,240	17,361	4,451,601
Depreciable	5,663,836	1,319,026	6,982,862
TOTAL ASSETS	19,657,984	1,728,753	21,386,737
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT:			
Warrants payable	832,298	26,089	858,387
Accrued interest	131,014	-	131,014
Other liabilities	12,167	-	12,167
Compensated absences	30,000	-	30,000
Bonds and notes payable	2,357,000	75,000	2,432,000
NONCURRENT:			
Compensated absences	149,000	22,000	171,000
Bonds and notes payable	7,735,000	925,000	8,660,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	11,246,479	1,048,089	12,294,568
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,270,852	336,387	3,607,239
Restricted for:			
Permanent funds:			
Expendable	127,844	-	127,844
Nonexpendable	477,584	-	477,584
Gifts and grants	1,120,195	-	1,120,195
Unrestricted	3,415,030	344,277	3,759,307
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$ 8,411,505	$ 680,664	$ 9,092,169

See notes to basic financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General government	$ 1,112,356	$ 101,853	$ 27,194	$ -	$ (983,309)
Public safety	2,483,245	425,472	171,494	3,900	(1,882,379)
Education	6,166,061	-	16,000	-	(6,150,061)
Public works	1,295,769	12,099	-	206,564	(1,077,106)
Human services	121,740	54,600	11,724	-	(55,416)
Culture and recreation	977,010	532,033	281,158	-	(163,819)
Community preservation	20,595	-	240,085	-	219,490
Interest	220,298	-	-	-	(220,298)
Total Governmental Activities	12,397,074	1,126,057	747,655	210,464	**(10,312,898)**
Business-Type Activities:					
Water	330,344	492,794	-	-	**162,450**
Total Primary Government	$ 12,727,418	$ 1,618,851	$ 747,655	$ 210,464	**$ (10,150,448)**

See notes to basic financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Continued)

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Changes in net assets:			
Net (expense) revenue from previous page.....	**$(10,312,898)**	**$ 162,450**	**$(10,150,448)**
General revenues:			
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds payable.....	9,625,024	-	9,625,024
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	543,602	-	543,602
Community preservation surcharge.....	237,711	-	237,711
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs.....	568,990	-	568,990
Unrestricted investment income.....	243,734	-	243,734
Miscellaneous.....	196,791	-	196,791
Total general revenues and transfers.....	11,415,852	-	11,415,852
Change in net assets.....	1,102,954	162,450	1,265,404
Net Assets:			
Beginning of year.....	7,308,551	518,214	7,826,765
End of year.....	$ 8,411,505	$ 680,664	$ 9,092,169

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2007

ASSETS	General	Community Preservation	Town Hall and Police Station	Emergency Culvert Repair	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,607,752	$ 683,316	$ 3,568,105	$ 350,344	$ 992,997	$ 7,202,514
Investments	-	-	-	-	1,046,146	1,046,146
Receivables, net of uncollectibles:						
Real estate and personal property taxes	196,421	-	-	-	-	196,421
Real estate tax deferrals	187,226	-	-	-	-	187,226
Community preservation fund surtax	-	4,390	-	-	-	4,390
Tax liens	18,820	-	-	-	-	18,820
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	59,559	-	-	-	-	59,559
Departmental and other	1,624	-	-	-	-	1,624
Intergovernmental	6,085	-	-	-	302,402	308,487
Community preservation fund state share	-	237,714	-	-	-	237,714
Tax foreclosures	297,007	-	-	-	-	297,007
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 2,374,494	$ 925,420	$ 3,568,105	$ 350,344	$ 2,341,545	$ 9,559,908
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES:						
Warrants payable	$ 167,326	$ -	$ 651,593	$ 2,080	$ 11,299	$ 832,298
Other liabilities	5,713	-	-	-	6,454	12,167
Deferred revenues	760,657	242,104	-	-	302,402	1,305,163
Notes payable	-	-	-	1,829,000	-	1,829,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	933,696	242,104	651,593	1,831,080	320,155	3,978,628
FUND BALANCES:						
Reserved for:						
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	27,756	-	-	-	-	27,756
Perpetual permanent funds	-	-	-	-	477,584	477,584
Unreserved:						
Undesignated, reported in:						
General fund	1,413,042	-	-	-	-	1,413,042
Special revenue funds	-	683,316	-	-	1,309,301	1,992,617
Capital projects funds	-	-	2,916,512	(1,480,736)	106,661	1,542,437
Permanent funds	-	-	-	-	127,844	127,844
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,440,798	683,316	2,916,512	(1,480,736)	2,021,390	5,581,280
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 2,374,494	$ 925,420	$ 3,568,105	$ 350,344	$ 2,341,545	$ 9,559,908

See notes to basic financial statements.

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TOTAL FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Total governmental fund balances		$ 5,581,280
Capital assets (net) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds		10,098,076
Accounts receivable are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds		1,305,163
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due		(131,014)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds		
Bonds and notes payable	(8,263,000)	
Compensated absences	(179,000)	
Net effect of reporting long-term liabilities		(8,442,000)
Net assets of governmental activities		$ 8,411,505

See notes to basic financial statements.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	General	Community Preservation	Town Hall and Police Station	Emergency Culvert Repair	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:						
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds	$ 9,564,269	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 9,564,269
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	535,780	-	-	-	-	535,780
Community preservation surcharge	-	236,155	-	-	-	236,155
Intergovernmental	1,184,739	-	-	-	317,620	1,502,359
Departmental and other	563,849	-	-	-	118,126	681,975
Contributions	-	-	-	-	292,269	292,269
Investment income	171,014	22,224	-	-	50,496	243,734
Community preservation state match	-	223,738	-	-	-	223,738
Miscellaneous	23,748	-	-	-	-	23,748
TOTAL REVENUES	12,043,399	482,117	-	-	778,511	13,304,027
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
General government	766,936	-	3,583,681	-	63,046	4,413,663
Public safety	1,689,779	-	-	-	268,554	1,958,333
Education	6,150,061	-	-	-	-	6,150,061
Public works	1,025,424	-	-	1,480,736	112,158	2,618,318
Human services	91,795	-	-	-	11,576	103,371
Culture and recreation	677,077	-	-	-	73,478	750,555
Community preservation	-	20,595	-	-	-	20,595
Pension benefits	327,502	-	-	-	-	327,502
Property and liability insurance	129,866	-	-	-	-	129,866
Employee benefits	561,782	-	-	-	-	561,782
State and county charges	113,432	-	-	-	-	113,432
Debt service:						
Principal	125,000	-	-	-	-	125,000
Interest	95,007	-	-	-	-	95,007
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,753,661	20,595	3,583,681	1,480,736	528,812	17,367,485
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	289,738	461,522	(3,583,681)	(1,480,736)	249,699	(4,063,458)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Proceeds from bonds and notes	-	-	6,358,500	-	504,500	6,863,000
Premium from issuance of bonds	-	-	-	-	64,189	64,189
Transfers in	-	-	249,921	-	72,500	322,421
Transfers out	(309,000)	-	-	-	(13,421)	(322,421)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(309,000)	-	6,608,421	-	627,768	6,927,189
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(19,262)	461,522	3,024,740	(1,480,736)	877,467	2,863,731
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,460,060	221,794	(108,228)	-	1,143,923	2,717,549
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	$ 1,440,798	$ 683,316	$ 2,916,512	$ (1,480,736)	$ 2,021,390	$ 5,581,280

See notes to basic financial statements.

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		$ 2,863,731
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Capital outlay	5,463,040	
Depreciation expense	(398,338)	
Net effect of reporting capital assets		5,064,702
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., real estate and personal property, motor vehicle excise, etc.) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred revenue		131,812
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.		
Proceeds from bonds and notes	(6,863,000)	
Debt service principal payments	125,000	
Net effect of reporting long-term debt		(6,738,000)
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		
Net change in compensated absences accrual	(94,000)	
Net change in accrued interest on long-term debt	(125,291)	
Net effect of recording long-term liabilities		(219,291)
Change in net assets of governmental activities		$ 1,102,954

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2007

	Water Enterprise Fund
ASSETS	
CURRENT:	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 238,588
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:	
User fees	153,778
Total current assets	392,366
NONCURRENT:	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Nondepreciable	17,361
Depreciable	1,319,026
Total noncurrent assets	1,336,387
TOTAL ASSETS	1,728,753
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT:	
Warrants payable	26,089
Bonds and notes payable	75,000
Total current liabilities	101,089
NONCURRENT:	
Compensated absences	22,000
Bonds and notes payable	925,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	947,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,048,089
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	336,387
Unrestricted	344,277
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$ 680,664

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Water Enterprise Fund
OPERATING REVENUES:	
Charges for services	$ 492,794
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Cost of services and administration	248,437
Depreciation	36,913
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	285,350
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	207,444
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):	
Interest expense	(44,994)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	162,450
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	518,214
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	$ 680,664

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Water Enterprise Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Receipts from customers and users	$ 484,282
Payments to vendors	(109,443)
Payments to employees	(119,496)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	255,343
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(47,684)
Principal payments on bonds and notes	(75,000)
Interest expense	(49,085)
NET CASH FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(171,769)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	83,574
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	155,014
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	$ 238,588
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating income (loss)	$ 207,444
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash from operating activities:	
Depreciation	36,913
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
User fees	(8,512)
Warrants payable	21,478
Accrued payroll	(2,080)
Accrued compensated absences	100
Total adjustments	47,899
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	$ 255,343

See notes to basic financial statements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts (the Town) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the recognized standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant accounting policies are described herein.

A. Reporting Entity

The Town is a municipal corporation governed by an elected three member Board of Selectmen and an appointed Town Administrator.

For financial reporting purposes, the Town has included all funds, organizations, account groups, agencies, boards, commissions and institutions. The Town has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable as well as other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Town are such that exclusion would cause the basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. As required by GAAP, these basic financial statements present the Town (the primary government) and its component units. The Town has no Component Units that require inclusion in these basic financial statements.

The Town has an agreement with the Town of Hamilton to operate a Joint Public Library under the direction of a Joint Board of Library Trustees. The Town is the administrator for all matters associated with the management of the Joint Public Library. All revenues and expenditures related to the operation of the Joint Public Library are accounted for in the Town's General Fund. Reimbursements from the Town of Hamilton for their apportioned share of expenditures are recorded as intergovernmental revenue. In fiscal year 2007 operating expenses were approximately $757,000 of which the Town's share was approximately $272,000 and Hamilton's share was approximately $485,000. The $485,000 plus an administration fee of approximately $46,000 is reported as intergovernmental revenue.

The Town is a member of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District that provides educational services to both communities. This joint venture assesses each community its share of operating and debt service costs based on student population and other factors. In fiscal year 2007 Wenham's share of the operating expense was $5,787,000 and its share of the debt service expense was $277,000. There is no equity interest reported in these financial statements. Complete audited financial statements can be obtained directly from the District's administrative office located at 5 School Street, Wenham, MA 01984.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. *Governmental activities*, which are primarily supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which are supported primarily by user fees and charges.

Fund Financial Statements

The GASB requires separate financial statements be provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and displayed in a single column.

Major Fund Criteria

Major funds must be reported if the following criteria are met:

- If the total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of an individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding element (assets, liabilities, etc.) for all funds of that category or type (total governmental or total enterprise funds), *and*

- If the total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding element for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

Additionally, any other governmental or enterprise fund that management believes is particularly significant to the basic financial statements may be reported as a major fund.

Internal service funds and fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liabilities are incurred. Real estate and personal property taxes are recognized as revenues in the fiscal year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a particular function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include the following:

- Charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment.

- Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular function or segment.

- Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the capital requirements of a particular function or segment.

Taxes and other items not identifiable as program revenues are reported as general revenues.

For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide financial statements.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences, claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with current expendable available resources.

Real estate and personal property tax revenues are considered available if they within the fiscal year. Investment income is susceptible to accrual. Other receipts and tax revenues become measurable and available when the cash is received and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria is met. Expenditure driven grants recognize revenue when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

The following major governmental fund is reported:

The *general fund* is the primary operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *emergency culvert repair fund* is used to account for the emergency repairs to various culverts damaged during recent flooding.

The *new police station and town hall renovation fund* is used to account for the construction costs of these capital projects.

The *community preservation fund* is used to account for the proceeds of a surcharge to real estate taxes along with a matching state grant. These funds must be spent in accordance with state law.

The nonmajor governmental funds consist of other special revenue, capital projects and permanent funds that are aggregated and presented in the *nonmajor governmental funds* column on the governmental funds financial statements. The following describes the general use of these fund types:

The s*pecial revenue fund* is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than permanent funds or capital projects funds) that are restricted by law or administrative action to expenditures for specified purposes.

The *capital projects fund* is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by Enterprise and Trust Funds).

The *permanent fund* is used to account for financial resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, may be used for purposes that support the governmental programs.

Proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liabilities are incurred.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the proprietary funds principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity for others that cannot be used to support the governmental programs.

The Town does not report any fiduciary funds.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

For the government-wide financial statements all applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements issued on or prior to November 30, 1989, are applied, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

D. Cash and Investments

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments are carried at fair value.

E. Accounts Receivable

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The recognition of revenue related to accounts receivable reported in the government-wide financial statements are reported under the accrual basis of accounting. The recognition of revenue related to accounts receivable reported in the governmental funds financial statements are reported under the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Real Estate, Personal Property Taxes and Tax Liens

Real estate and personal property taxes are levied and based on values assessed on January 1st of every year. Assessed values are established by the Board of Assessor's for 100% of the estimated fair market value. Taxes are due on August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Real estate and personal property taxes levied are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of the levy.

Real estate tax liens are processed after the close of the valuation year on delinquent properties and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year they are processed.

Real estate receivables are secured via the tax lien process and are considered 100% collectible. Accordingly, an allowance for uncollectibles is not reported.

Personal property taxes cannot be secured through the lien process. The allowance of uncollectibles is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Motor Vehicle Excise

Motor vehicle excise taxes are assessed annually for each vehicle registered and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of the levy. The Commonwealth is responsible for reporting the number of vehicles registered and the fair values of those vehicles. The tax calculation is the fair value of the vehicle multiplied by $25 per $1,000 of value.

The allowance for uncollectibles is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Water User Fees

User fees are levied monthly based on individual meter readings and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Unbilled user fees are estimated at year-end and are recorded as revenue in the current period. Water liens are processed after year end and included as a lien on the property owner's tax bill.

Since the receivables are secured via the lien process, these accounts are considered 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectibles.

Intergovernmental

Various federal and state grants for operating and capital purposes are applied for and received annually. For non-expenditure driven grants, receivables are recorded as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. For expenditure driven grants, receivables are recorded when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

These receivables are considered 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectibles.

F. Inventories

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Inventories are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. Such inventories are not material in total to the government-wide financial statements.

G. Capital Assets

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Capital assets, which include land, land improvements, buildings, machinery and equipment, and infrastructure (e.g., roads, water mains, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental activity column of the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost, or at estimated historical cost, if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at the estimated fair market

value at the date of donation. Capital assets of the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements do not include construction period interest.

All purchases and construction costs in excess of $5,000 are capitalized at the date of acquisition or construction, respectively, with expected useful lives of greater than one year.

Capital assets (excluding land) are depreciated on a straight-line basis. The estimated useful lives of capital assets are as follows:

Capital Asset Type	Estimated Useful Life (in years)
Land improvements	10-40
Buildings	40
Machinery and equipment	5-50
Infrastructure	10-60

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized and are treated as expenses when incurred. Improvements are capitalized.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Capital asset costs are recorded as expenditures in the acquiring fund in the fiscal year of the purchase.

H. Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of its operations, transactions occur between and within individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds.

Fund Financial Statements

Transactions of a buyer/seller nature between and within funds are *not* eliminated from the individual fund statements. Receivables and payables resulting from these transactions are classified as "Due from other funds" or "Due to other funds" on the balance sheet.

I. Interfund Transfers

During the course of its operations, resources are permanently reallocated between and within funds. These transactions are reported as transfers in and transfers out.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Transfers between and within governmental funds are eliminated from the governmental activities in the statement of net assets.

Fund Financial Statements

Operating transfers between and within funds are *not* eliminated from the individual fund statements and are reported as transfers in and transfers out.

J. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue at the governmental fund financial statement level represents receivables that do not meet the available criterion in accordance with the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Deferred revenue is recognized as revenue in the conversion to the government-wide (full accrual) financial statements.

K. Net Assets and Fund Equity

Government-Wide Financial Statements (Net Assets)

Net assets are reported as restricted when amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific future use.

Net assets have been "restricted for" the following:

"Permanent funds - expendable" represents amounts held in trust for which the expenditures are restricted by various trust agreements.

"Permanent funds - nonexpendable" represents amounts held in trust for which only investment earnings may be expended.

"Gifts and grants" represents restrictions placed on assets from outside parties.

Fund Financial Statements (Fund Balances)

Fund balances are reserved for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific future use. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Fund balances have been "reserved for" the following:

"Encumbrances and continuing appropriations" represents amounts obligated under purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for expenditures that are being carried over to the ensuing fiscal year.

"Perpetual permanent funds" represents amounts held in trust for which only investment earnings may be expended.

L. Long-term debt

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Long-term debt is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statement of net assets. Material bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The face amount of governmental funds long-term debt is reported as other financing sources. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are recognized in the current period. Bond premiums are reported as other financing sources and bond discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual bond proceeds received, are reported as general government expenditures.

M. Investment Income

Excluding the permanent funds, investment income derived from major and nonmajor governmental funds is legally assigned to the general fund unless otherwise directed by Massachusetts General Law (MGL).

N. Compensated Absences

Employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts based on collective bargaining agreements, state laws and executive policies.

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave are reported as liabilities and expensed as incurred.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave, which will be liquidated with expendable available financial resources, are reported as expenditures and fund liabilities.

O. Post Retirement Benefits

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

In addition to providing pension benefits, the Town provides health insurance coverage for retired employees and their survivors. The Town recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of insurance premiums in the General Fund in the fiscal year paid. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, this expenditure totaled approximately $70,000. There were approximately 20 participants eligible to receive benefits at June 30, 2007.

P. Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, actual expenditures did not exceed appropriations.

Q. Use of Estimates

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure for contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements and the reported amounts of the revenues and expenditures/expenses during the fiscal year. Actual results could vary from estimates that were used.

R. Total Column

Fund Financial Statements

The total column on the fund financial statements is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column is not the equivalent of consolidated financial information.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Statutes authorize the Town to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies, and instrumentalities, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, money market accounts, bank deposits and the State Treasurer's investment pool. In addition, there are various restrictions limiting the amount and length of deposits and investments.

The Town maintains a cash and investment pool that is available for use by all funds, except the Trust Funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as "Cash and Short-Term Investments". The deposits and investments of the Trust Funds are held separately from those of other Town funds.

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town has not formally adopted a policy for custodial credit risk of deposits. At fiscal year-end, the carrying amount of deposits totaled $7,441,102 and the bank balance totaled $7,615,839. Of the bank balance, $269,974 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance, $246,754 was collateralized and $7,099,111 was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Investments and Credit Risk

The Town has $74,852 of A rated corporate bonds which mature in three years and $971,294 in AAA rated Government Sponsored Enterprises Securities in which $249,501 mature in one year and $721,793 maturing between one and 5 years. The government has not adopted a formal policy related to Credit Risk.

Interest Rate Risk

The government does not have a formal policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Town places no limit on the amount the Town may invest in any one issuer.

NOTE 3 – RECEIVABLES

At June 30, 2007, receivables for the governmental funds and the enterprise funds are presented net of the applicable allowance for uncollectible amounts. All receivables outstanding are considered collectible, except for an allowance for uncollectible motor vehicle excise taxes of $14,600.

Governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. In addition, Tax foreclosures are fully deferred until the asset is sold. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of deferred revenue reported in the governmental funds equal the corresponding asset balance except for a $6,085 intergovernmental receivable for a joint venture activity.

NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 486,680	$ -	$ -	$ 486,680
Construction in progress	352,229	3,595,331	-	3,947,560
Total capital assets not being depreciated	838,909	3,595,331	-	4,434,240
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	2,971,745	53,273	-	3,025,018
Machinery and equipment	3,547,845	272,842	-	3,820,687
Infrastructure	485,312	1,564,493	-	2,049,805
Total capital assets being depreciated	7,004,902	1,890,608	-	8,895,510
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(663,486)	(73,630)	-	(737,116)
Machinery and equipment	(2,117,687)	(315,227)	-	(2,432,914)
Infrastructure	(29,265)	(32,379)	-	(61,644)
Total accumulated depreciation	(2,810,438)	(421,236)	-	(3,231,674)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	4,194,464	1,469,372	-	5,663,836
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 5,033,373	$ 5,064,703	$ -	$ 10,098,076

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Business-Type Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 17,361	$ -	$ -	$ 17,361
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Machinery and equipment	679,587	47,684	-	727,271
Infrastructure	837,452	-	-	837,452
Total capital assets being depreciated	1,517,039	47,684	-	1,564,723
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Machinery and equipment	(103,586)	(20,832)	-	(124,418)
Infrastructure	(105,198)	(16,081)	-	(121,279)
Total accumulated depreciation	(208,784)	(36,913)	-	(245,697)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	1,308,255	10,771	-	1,319,026
Total business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 1,325,616	$ 10,771	$ -	$ 1,336,387

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
General government	$ 5,789
Public safety	117,634
Public works	90,647
Culture and recreation	184,268
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	$ 398,338
Business-Type Activities:	
Water fund	$ 36,913

NOTE 5 – INTERFUND TRANSFERS

During the fiscal year the town transferred $309,000 from the General Fund and $13,421 from various Non-Major Funds to Capital Projects Funds to pay down bond anticipation notes.

NOTE 6 – SHORT-TERM FINANCING

The Town is authorized to borrow on a temporary basis to fund the following:

- Current operating costs prior to the collection of revenues through issuance of revenue or tax anticipation notes (RANS or TANS).

- Capital project costs and other approved expenditures incurred prior to obtaining permanent financing through issuance of bond anticipation notes (BANS) or grant anticipation notes (GANS).

Short-term loans are general obligations of the Town and carry maturity dates that are limited by statute. Interest expenditures for short-term borrowings are accounted for in the General Fund.

At June 30, 2007, the Town had the following short-term debt outstanding:

Fund/Purpose	Type	Rate %	Issue Date	Due Date	Balance at 6/30/2006	Renewed/ Issued	Retired/ Redeemed	Balance 6/30/2007
Governmental Funds								
Iron Rail Boiler.....	BAN	3.85%	6/16/2006	6/15/2006	$ 71,500	$ -	$ 71,500	$ -
Iron Rail Boiler.....	BAN	3.66%	10/30/2006	1/30/2007	-	62,000	62,000	-
Town Hall / Police Station.....	BAN	3.85%	6/16/2006	10/30/2006	550,500	-	550,500	-
Town Hall / Police Station.....	BAN	3.66%	10/30/2006	1/30/2007	-	547,000	547,000	-
Quint Fire Truck.....	BAN	3.85%	6/16/2006	10/30/2006	505,000	-	505,000	-
Quint Fire Truck.....	BAN	3.66%	10/30/2006	1/30/2007	-	505,000	505,000	-
Storm Damage.....	BAN	3.59%	2/8/2007	2/9/2008	-	1,829,000	-	1,829,000
Total Governmental Funds.....					$ 1,127,000	$ 2,943,000	$ 2,241,000	$ 1,829,000

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM DEBT

State law permits the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 10, to authorize indebtedness up to a limit of 5% of its equalized valuation. Debt issued in accordance with this section of the law is designated as being "inside the debt limit". In addition, however, a Town may authorize debt in excess of that limit for specific purposes. Such debt, when issued, is designated as being "outside the debt limit".

Details related to the Town's outstanding indebtedness at June 30, 2007, and the debt service requirements follow.

Bonds and Notes Payable Schedule – Governmental Funds

Project	Interest Rate	Outstanding at June 30, 2006	New Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2007
Roads.....					
Fire Truck.....	4.00 - 6.50	$ 145,000	$ -	$ 20,000	$ 125,000
Library.....	4.00 - 5.00	945,000	-	70,000	875,000
Lease Buyback.....	4.00 - 5.00	250,000	-	20,000	230,000
Town Hall/Police Station.....	4.00 - 5.00	185,000	-	15,000	170,000
Town Hall/Police Station.....	3.875 - 4.5	-	6,358,500	-	6,358,500
Iron Rail Boiler.....	4.25 - 4.50	-	39,500	-	39,500
Fire Truck.....	4.25 - 4.50	-	465,000	-	465,000
Total Governmental Debt.....		1,525,000	6,863,000	125,000	8,263,000
Water Tower.....	4.00 - 5.00	1,075,000	-	75,000	1,000,000
Total Debt.....		$ 2,600,000	$ 6,863,000	$ 200,000	$ 9,263,000

Debt service requirements for principal and interest for Governmental Bonds payable in future fiscal years are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2008.....	$ 528,000	$ 365,872	$ 893,872
2009.....	525,000	318,863	843,863
2010.....	525,000	295,738	820,738
2011.....	525,000	272,988	797,988
2012.....	510,000	250,931	760,931
2013.....	500,000	229,157	729,157
2014.....	500,000	207,470	707,470
2015.....	475,000	185,721	660,721
2016.....	470,000	165,032	635,032
2017.....	460,000	144,535	604,535
2018.....	385,000	126,025	511,025
2019.....	380,000	109,588	489,588
2020.....	380,000	93,963	473,963
2021.....	300,000	78,226	378,226
2022.....	300,000	66,377	366,377
2023.....	300,000	54,452	354,452
2024.....	300,000	42,452	342,452
2025.....	300,000	30,377	330,377
2026.....	300,000	18,226	318,226
2027.....	300,000	6,075	306,075
Total.....	$ 8,263,000	$ 3,062,068	$ 11,325,068

Bonds and Notes Payable Schedule – Enterprise Fund

Debt service requirements for principal and interest for enterprise fund bonds and notes payable in future fiscal years are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2008	$ 75,000	$ 46,085	$ 121,085
2009	75,000	361,948	436,948
2010	75,000	335,748	410,748
2011	75,000	309,848	384,848
2012	75,000	284,566	359,566
2013	75,000	259,417	334,417
2014	75,000	234,280	309,280
2015	75,000	209,044	284,044
2016	80,000	184,792	264,792
2017	80,000	160,455	240,455
2018	80,000	138,025	218,025
2019	80,000	117,588	197,588
2020	80,000	97,963	177,963
Total	$ 1,000,000	$ 2,739,759	$ 3,739,759

The Town is subject to various debt limits by statute and may issue additional general obligation debt under the normal debt limit. At June 30, 2007, the Town had $350,000 of Water Tower projects remaining in authorized and unissued debt.

General Long-Term Liabilities

The Town records its liability for long-term bonds and notes in the Government-wide financial statements. Other general long-term obligations recognized by the Town are its obligations for compensated absence benefits (sick and vacation pay). These liabilities will be liquidated in the future from Governmental Funds.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities:

	Balance June 30, 2006	Bonds and Notes Issued	Bonds and Notes Retired	Other Net Increase (Decrease)	Balance June 30, 2007	Current Portion
Governmental Activities:						
Long-term Bonds and Notes	$ 1,525,000	$ 6,863,000	$ (125,000)	$ -	$ 8,263,000	$ 528,000
Compensated Absences	92,000	-	-	87,000	179,000	30,000
Total	$ 1,617,000	$ 6,863,000	$ (125,000)	$ 87,000	$ 8,442,000	$ 558,000
Business-tyoe Activities						
Long-term Bonds and Notes	$ 1,075,000	$ -	$ (75,000)	$ -	$ 1,000,000	$ 75,000
Compensated Absences	21,900	-	-	100	22,000	-
Total	$ 1,096,900	$ -	$ (75,000)	$ 100	$ 1,022,000	$ 75,000

NOTE 8 – PENSION PLAN

Plan Description - The Town contributes to the Essex Regional Contributory Retirement System (System), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Essex Regional Retirement Board. Substantially all employees are members of the System. In the past, there were public school teachers and certain administrators who were members of the Commonwealth's Teachers Retirement System, to which the Town did not contribute. Pension benefits and administrative expenses paid by the Teachers Retirement Board are the legal responsibility of the Commonwealth. The amount of these on-behalf payments totaled approximately $16,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, and, accordingly, are reported in the General Fund as Intergovernmental Revenues and Pension Expenditures.

The System provides retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Chapter 32 of the MGL assigns authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan. Cost-of-living adjustments granted between 1981 and 1997 and any increase in other benefits imposed by the Commonwealth during those years are borne by the Commonwealth. Cost-of-living adjustments granted after 1997 must be approved by the Board and are borne by the System. The System issues a publicly available financial report in accordance with guidelines established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission. That report may be obtained by contacting the System located at 491 Maple Street, Danvers, Massachusetts, 01923.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute to the System at rates ranging from 5% to 11% of annual covered compensation. The Town is required to pay into the System its share of the system-wide actuarial determined contribution which is apportioned among the employers based on active current payroll. The contributions of plan members and the Town are governed by Chapter 32 of the MGL. The Town's contributions to the System for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007, 2006 and 2005 totaled $308,782, $295,843, and $276,119 respectively, which equaled its required contribution for each fiscal year.

Non-contributory Retirement Allowance - The Town pays the entire retirement allowance for certain retirees who are eligible for non-contributory benefits and are not members of the System. The General Fund expenditure for fiscal year 2007 totaled $2,720.

NOTE 9 – RISK FINANCING

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Town carries commercial insurance. The Town participates in premium-based health care plans for its employees and retirees. The Town participates in a premium-based workers' compensation insurance plan for its employees.

The amount of settlements has not exceeded the coverage in any of the last three fiscal years.

NOTE 10 – CONTINGENCIES

The Town participates in a number of federal award programs. These programs are subject to financial and compliance audits. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Various legal actions and claims are pending against the Town. Litigation is subject to many uncertainties, and the outcome of individual litigated matters is not always predictable. Although the amount of liability, if any, at June 30, 2006, cannot be ascertained, management believes any resulting liability should not materially affect the financial position of the Town at June 30, 2007.

NOTE 11 – COMMITMENTS

In fiscal year 2007, the Town undertook two large capital projects, the Town Hall and Police Station (TH&PS) Building Project and the emergency replacement of three culvert structures. The TH&PS Building Project began in August 2006 with the demolition of the interior of the town hall building and in December, of that same year, with the start of the overall project. Construction has continued throughout the remainder of FY07 and is projected to be completed in the fall of 2007 at a projected cost of $6,468,316. The emergency culvert replacement project began in November 2006 and was completed in May 2007 at a total cost of $1,480,736. This important infrastructure replacement project addressed the May 2006 flood damage to structures located along the Miles River corridor at Larch Row, Walnut Road and Grapevine Road. The Town has submitted a reimbursement request to the Federal Highway Administration for up to 80% of the cost of the project. The Town has received a preliminary notification that the Town is eligible for up to a $1,104,596 grant award. The final award is subject to change and therefore the Town has not recorded in these financial statements.

NOTE 12 – IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS

During fiscal year 2007, the following GASB pronouncement was implemented.

The GASB issued Statement #42, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Impairment of Capital Assets and for Insurance Recoveries,* which is required to be implemented in Fiscal 2006. This pronouncement did not impact the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement # 46, *Net Assets Restricted by Legislation an amendment of GASB Statement No. 34.* This Statement clarifies that a legally enforceable enabling legislation restriction is one that a party external to a government—such as citizens, public interest groups, or the judiciary—can compel a government to honor. It requires governments to disclose the portion of total net assets that is restricted by enabling legislation. This statement is required to be implemented in FY2006. This statement did not effect the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement # 47, *Accounting for Termination Benefits.* The Statement provides accounting and reporting guidance for state and local governments that offer benefits such as early retirement incentives or severance to employees that are involuntarily terminated. The Statement requires that similar forms of termination benefits be accounted for in the same manner and is intended to enhance both the consistency of reporting for termination benefits and the comparability of financial statements. This statement is required to be implemented in FY2006. This statement did not effect the basic financial statements.

Other Future GASB Pronouncements:

The GASB issued Statement #43, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans,* which is required to be implemented in FY2009. Since there is no legally established separate trust for the postemployment benefit plan this pronouncement will not impact the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement #45 *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions,* which is required to be implemented in FY2010. Management believes this pronouncement will require additional disclosure and impact the basic financial statements.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Budgetary Amounts	Amounts Carried Forward To Next Year	Variance Over/(Under)
REVENUES:					
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds	$ 9,499,592	$ 9,499,592	$ 9,564,269	$ -	$ 64,677
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	590,990	590,990	535,780	-	(55,210)
Intergovernmental	1,107,458	1,107,458	1,168,739	-	61,281
Departmental and other	402,500	402,500	563,849	-	161,349
Investment income	68,000	68,000	171,014	-	103,014
Miscellaneous	-	-	23,748	-	23,748
TOTAL REVENUES	11,668,540	11,668,540	12,027,399	-	358,859
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
General government	874,196	783,994	766,936	1,732	15,326
Public safety	1,639,369	1,714,866	1,689,779	9,543	15,544
Education	6,150,061	6,150,061	6,150,061	-	-
Public works	1,064,653	1,064,653	1,025,424	10,981	28,248
Human services	97,062	97,112	91,795	500	4,817
Culture and recreation	684,000	684,094	677,077	5,000	2,017
Pension benefits	311,502	311,502	311,502	-	-
Property and liability insurance	139,519	139,519	129,866	-	9,653
Employee benefits	557,090	571,651	561,782	-	9,869
State and county charges	114,012	114,012	113,432	-	580
Debt service:					
Principal	125,000	125,000	125,000	-	-
Interest	283,088	283,088	95,007	-	188,081
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	12,039,552	12,039,552	11,737,661	27,756	274,135
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(371,012)	(371,012)	289,738	(27,756)	632,994
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Transfers out	(309,000)	(309,000)	(309,000)	-	-
Prior year carryforward appropriaitons	428,517	428,517	-	-	(428,517)
Free cash	173,184	173,184	-	-	(173,184)
Overlay surplus	78,311	78,311	-	-	(78,311)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES).	371,012	371,012	(309,000)	-	(680,012)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	-	(19,262)	(27,756)	(47,018)
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,460,060	1,460,060	1,460,060	-	-
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	$ 1,460,060	$ 1,460,060	$ 1,440,798	$ (27,756)	$ (47,018)

See notes to required supplementary information.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Budgetary Amounts	Amounts Carried Forward To Next Year	Variance Over/(Under)
REVENUES:					
Community preservation surcharge	$ 230,768	$ 230,768	$ 236,177	$ -	$ 5,409
Community preservation state match	223,788	223,788	223,738	-	(50)
Investment income	12,000	12,000	22,224	-	10,224
TOTAL REVENUES	466,556	466,556	482,139	-	15,583
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
Community preservation	37,000	37,000	20,595	-	16,405
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	429,556	429,556	461,544	-	31,988
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Other amounts to be raised	271,772	271,772	-	-	(271,772)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES).	271,772	271,772	-	-	(271,772)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	701,328	701,328	461,544	-	(239,784)
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	221,772	221,772	221,772	-	-
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	$ 923,100	$ 923,100	$ 683,316	$ -	$ (239,784)

See notes to required supplementary information.

STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

Municipal Law requires the Town to adopt a balanced budget that is approved by the Finance Committee (Committee). The Committee presents an annual budget to the Open Town Meeting, which includes estimates of revenues and other financing sources and recommendations of expenditures and other financing uses. Town Meeting, which has full authority to amend and/or reject the budget or any individual line item, adopts the expenditure budget by majority vote. Increases or decreases subsequent to the approval of the annual budget require a vote at a Special Town Meeting.

The majority of the Town's appropriations are non-continuing which lapse at the end of each fiscal year. Others are continuing appropriations for which the governing body has authorized that an unspent balance from a prior fiscal year be carried forward and made available for spending in the current fiscal year. These carry forwards are included as part of the subsequent fiscal year's original budget.

Generally, expenditures may not exceed the legal level of spending authorized for an appropriation account. However, the Town is statutorily required to pay debt service, regardless of whether such amounts are appropriated. Additionally, expenditures for disasters, natural or otherwise, and final judgments may exceed the level of spending authorized by majority vote at Town Meeting.

The Town adopts an annual budget for the General Fund in conformity with the guidelines described above. The original fiscal year 2007 budget for the General Fund includes current year appropriations and other amounts to be raised of approximately $11,561,000 and encumbrances and continuing appropriations from prior fiscal years of approximately $297,000. The Town voted to use $173,184 in free cash and $78,311 in overlay surplus as financing sources.

The Town Accountant has the responsibility to ensure that budgetary control is maintained on an individual line item appropriation account basis. Budgetary control is exercised through the Town's accounting system.

Budgetary - GAAP Reconciliation

For budgetary financial reporting purposes, the Uniform Municipal Accounting System basis of accounting (established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) is followed, which differs from the GAAP basis of accounting. The difference between the budgetary basis and the GAAP basis results for the General Fund for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 is the $16,000 GASB 24 gross-up of intergovernmental revenue and pension expense for the on-behalf payment of pension expense made by the Commonwealth.

Report of the Wenham Police Department

Front Row from Left to Right: Ptl. Jonathan Gray, Sgt. Jeffrey W. Tobey, Lt. Lawrence Kavanagh, Chief Kenneth Walsh, Sgt. Thomas Perkins, Ptl. Christopher Machain
Middle Row from left to right Ptl. Robert Breaker, Ptl. Michael Perry, Det. Mark Fraser, Ptl. Don Woodbury, Ptl. Timothy Ingraham, Ptl. William Foley, Ptl. Laura Ktistes
Back Row from left to right Ptl. Matt Almeida, Ptl. Chad Labrie, Ptl. Shane Kavanagh, Ptl. David Marsh, Ptl. David Doyle, Ptl. Michael Mscisz, and Ptl. Richard Sherry

Full-Time Officers

Front Row – Left to Right Sgt. Jeffrey Tobey, Lt. Lawrence Kavanagh, Chief Kenneth Walsh, Sgt. Thomas Perkins
Back Row – Left to Right Ptl. David Doyle, Det. Mark Fraser, Ptl. Michael Mscisz, Ptl. Don Woodbury, Ptl. Jonathan Gray, Ptl. Christopher Machain

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STATISTICS

Town Established: 1643
Population Served: 5,129
Sworn Officers: 10 F.T. & allotted for 16 P.T.
Civilian Personnel: 1
Chief: Kenneth M. Walsh
Headquarters: 140 Main Street
Budget (FY07): $913,653

Rank Structure:
Chief of Police
Lieutenant (1)
Sergeants (2)
Detectives (1)
Patrolman (5) FT and (16) PT
Vehicles: 5
2007 Calls for Service: 9,818

Message from the Chief

I hereby submit my third annual report as the Chief of Police. I cannot describe the fulfillment I have received in the last three years serving this great town as Chief.

As you will see from the statistics that follow, the officers of your police department were extremely busy again this year. Arrests and Summons numbers continue to rise due to good proactive police work. Our clearance rate was outstanding again this year and several crimes were solved.

In April Detective Mark S. Fraser conducted an investigation into thefts from two senior citizens. The two men charged with the crimes had seal coated the victims' driveways in the past. Two separate elders were allegedly approached by the individuals and were asked how the driveway was holding up and claimed they were in the area inspecting chimneys and claimed that the victims' chimneys were cracked and in need of service. The men allegedly then requested money up front and did not finish the work. The two men were arrested on a warrant for the charges. The Wenham Police Department would like to warn our senior citizens and public to be aware of these common spring time scams. Residents should be cautious of persons approaching their residence with vehicles without a business name and business number attached to the vehicle.

Officer Christopher J. Machain now serves on the N.E.M.L.E.C. Rapid Response Team and has assisted other communities and has received great training as part of the unit.

Sgt. Jeffrey W. Tobey did an excellent job again this year heading up the training unit and worked with the officers to expand firearms training. Sergeant Tobey also continues to work on certification for State Accreditation. I am proud to say that Jeff has become a resource for other police departments trying to achieve certification status.

I am pleased to report that we are scheduled to move into our new station in January or February of 2008. This move is long overdue and the anticipation is great. The new station will greatly enhance the efficiency of officers by providing the latest state-of-the-art equipment and will provide a safe working environment for our employees. It has always been disappointing to visit other police stations across the state that have updated facilities. I greatly appreciate the efforts of the building committee both present and past for the great amount of work that has been conducted.

Throughout the year officers attended trainings on topics such as Internet Crime and School Violence. As we have seen nationwide, no community, small or large, is immune from these types of incidents. I am proud of the work done in this department by Officer Jon Gray on Internet Safety and by Sgt. Tom Perkins who has done a great deal of work on school violence.

I continue to attend trainings that will help me manage and stay current in an ever changing world. I spent five days in New Orleans at the International Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Training Symposium. I had the opportunity to view advances in technology in the field of law enforcement and network with Chiefs from all over the world. I also attended classes on topics such as "Lessons Learned – In the Eye of the Storm" which trained us on the lessons learned from Katrina.

I am also a member of the Essex County Chiefs of Police Association where I receive training and am proud to say that I was sworn in as Secretary in December.

Grants:
Again this year we were fortunate to avail ourselves of Federal and State grants. Through the combined efforts of Officer Don Woodbury and Sergeant Thomas Perkins we received grant money for Community Policing and Traffic Enforcement.

Equipment:
In July we leased a marked Dodge Charger and an unmarked Ford Taurus. We were also able to upgrade two of our mobile radios to be digital compliant.

Recommendations:
First is the previously existing need to add an additional full time officer to the department. In July I will be requesting this position for the third time. The job of police officer has changed since I was appointed in the late eighties and we still have the same number of full time officers since Tom Perkins became the 10th man in 1989. Since 1989 when we added the tenth full-timer officer, Wenham has changed, Gordon College has grown significantly, sixty-five homes were built in Parsons Hill, commuter traffic has increased, the M.B.T.A. lot was moved into Wenham, the Smith estate on Main Street became the Windover estates, the Dodge property was constructed, and we are now living in a different world since September 11, 2001, which has placed new challenges to small town policing.

Acknowledgements:
Again, our Wenham Days and the Memorial Day Parade would have not been possible without the Reserve Officers and the dedication that they provide.

I am extremely fortunate to have Lt. Kavanagh and the Sergeants who are extremely committed to your town and its Police Department. In January of 2008 Lt. Kavanagh will retire after thirty plus years of service. I will speak more on this topic in the 2008 report along with the upcoming retirement of Officer David Doyle who also served this town well for many years. Both of these individuals are a credit to the community and provided wealth of knowledge.

Many thanks to my Administrative Assistant, Sue Hersee. I appreciate the hard work you provide everyday. I often refer to her as the "Real Chief" and I mean it.

Thanks to Anne Marie Cullen and her dispatchers for the quality service they provide. I would also like to extend my thanks to the surrounding police departments as well as the Massachusetts State Police and the Essex County District Attorney's Office for their excellent co-operation.

We are extremely lucky to have such a good relationship with Fire Chief Bob Blanchard and the members of the Fire Department.

I would also like to thank Bill Tyack and the Highway Department for the teamwork provided to us day and night.

My thanks to the Town Administrator, Jeff Chelgren, the Board of Selectmen, and everyone at Town Hall for their hard work and partnership they provide to us.

Lastly, I want to thank each and every one of the members of the Wenham Police Department. The Town of Wenham is extremely lucky to have you protecting us.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Walsh, Police Chief

Wenham Police Department Crime & Incident Statistics

	2007	2006	2005
Arrests & Summons	344	290	208
Rape	0	0	2
Robbery	0	1	1
Burglary-Breaking or Entering Total	17	27	7
Larceny-Theft	24	24	16
Assault	11	12	7
Officers Assaulted	0	2	0
Drug Law Violations	12	21	13
Motor Vehicle Thefts	4	1	5
Motor Vehicles Recovered	0	2	5
Total Motor Vehicle Stops	1352	1348	1386
Verbal Warnings	324	390	368
Citation Warnings	332	248	365
Civil Infractions	438	467	480
Operating Under the Influence	33	30	27
Arrest & Summons Motor Vehicle	255	243	173
Total of Motor Vehicle Accidents	91	75	89
Number of Fatal Accidents	0	1	1
Medical Aids	200	175	208
Total Juvenile Cases Handled	7	17	14
Protective Custodies	10	6	4
Domestic Violence Cases	15	16	14
Restraining Order Sought and/or issued	15	16	14

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The activity of the Fire Department was in keeping with recent years. This past year we responded to a total of 532 incidents. The breakdown of incidents is as follows (in tracking categories established by the National and Massachusetts Incident Reporting system):

Incident Type	Number of incidents	Percent of total calls
Fire	21	3.94
Overpressure/ overheat rupture/ explosion	3	0.56
Rescue; Emergency Medical Services	213	40.03
Hazardous Condition	31	5.82
Service Call	77	14.47
Good intent	65	12.21
False alarm & False calls	110	20.67
Severe weather & natural disaster	11	2.06
Special Incident	1	0.18

The Wenham Fire Department received an award of $89,205 from the Department of Homeland Security's "Assistance to Firefighters Grant." The grant funded the purchase of a Mobile Breathing Air System Cascade/ Compressor/ Light Trailer. This equipment provides the capacity for refilling SCBA units (self-contained breathing apparatus), either in the station or at a scene. Upgrading the Department's SCBA units to current safety standards is a main objective of the grant. In addition, the new unit includes a generator and lighting unit that can provide emergency lighting and power to any emergency event. The federal grant program is a competitive grant and it requires a matching portion from the applicant; the Wenham Fire Company contributed a generous donation of $4,695.00 to secure the grant.

Over the course of the year, the Fire Department continued its tradition of organizing educational programs. Firefighters hosted Fire Day at the Wenham Village Improvement Society's summer playground program. This annual event mixes fire safety education with entertaining games. The morning ended with the traditional "bubble bath" for all children, delivered through the fire nozzles. In late summer, the Fire Department worked

with Gordon College Public Safety to provide fire safety training for the College's residential staff. The college students participated in activities including a "smoke filled" dormitory experience (theatre smoke), demonstrations of sprinkler systems, a stove fire, a ladder rescue demonstration, fire extinguisher training, and a "scavenger hunt" of unsafe items in a dorm room. These education programs were supported by a Massachusetts S.A.F.E. grant (Student Awareness of Fire Education). Thanks to Senator Bruce Tarr and Representative Brad Hill for their efforts at the State level to maintain this grant program.

An ongoing initiative throughout the year was training. Training remains the most important aspect of maintaining a Call Fire Department. Three firefighters (Mark Gates, William Jones, and Robert Wallace) graduated from the State Fire Academy's "Firefighter 1 and 2" course. All of their time and effort is greatly appreciated, as this course represents a significant time commitment. They each donated over 170 hours of time. In addition, firefighters Gary Blaney and James Romeos completed the requirements and received State certification as Basic E.M.T.s (Emergency Medical Technicians). Many members of the Department attended an all-day Massachusetts Fire Academy "live burn" training course. Several training sessions were held on Gordon College property where firefighters drafted water to practice with the pumps and ladder. The time spent on training, much of which is unpaid, is very much appreciated.

The "Wenham Fire Company" has continued its longstanding tradition of hosting fundraising events for the Department. Thanks to all the Fire Company members and their families for all their hard work. Notable fundraisers this year included the August Open House, Fire Prevention Week Family Night (supported by Papa Gino's), raffles, birthday parties, and a new event with Santa. With proceeds from their fundraising efforts the Wenham Fire Company donated many pieces of emergency equipment to the Town.

I would like to express my appreciation for the productive working relationship with many departments: Police, Highway, Emergency Center, Lyons Ambulance, and the Town Hall staff. All of the firefighters and Sue Hersee, the Police / Fire administrative assistant, maintain high standards of professionalism. I would like to thank all the call officers and firefighters for their continued dedication to the Department. The Call Fire Department model relies on the commitment of these individuals and their willingness to leave their jobs and personal activities to respond to calls.

Robert A. Blanchard, Chief
Wenham Fire Department

EMERGENCY CENTER OPERATIONS BOARD

Many changes happened in 2007 at the Hamilton-Wenham Emergency Center. In April, we moved into the new Hamilton Public Safety Facility, where the communications room is on the first floor, allowing total accessibility. Most of the equipment was brought over from the old building and rearranged for better working conditions. We now have a secure room for our equipment which previously was housed in the public hallway and the police garage. There is access flooring with all wiring under the tiles allowing easier reach for repairs.

At the same time, a new 9-1-1 system was installed. We still get the caller information but the biggest technological change is the mapping component. Almost immediately, the location of the caller is shown on the screen. Cell calls are still going to the Massachusetts State Police and being transferred to the local department. The mapping on the cell call is accurate within 50 to 200 meters. A good example of the benefit of this technology was the ability to locate a lost hiker in the Chebacco Woods. While the police were en route, the dispatcher could see the location on the map and was able to direct the person out to the street.

For the first time the State Emergency Telecommunications Board has set up a grant program for dispatch training. Our communications center was awarded $5000. The grant amounts were based on population and 9-1-1 call volume. Our dispatchers were able to attend classes on advanced police service, advanced fire service, 9-1-1 liability, and certification on the new 9-1-1 equipment, as well as taking several on-line classes. Because of our new facility, we were able to host these classes.

Another grant will allow us to purchase a computer program to enhance emergency medical dispatch. Currently we use a system of flip cards to ascertain the necessary information needed for the EMTs and paramedics in the medical emergency. This will then merge into the computer aided dispatch program to give more complete details of each call.

A long time goal of having a community notification system will come to fruition in 2008. We will be using the same company that provides ConnectEd for the schools. Citizens will be asked to provide any cell phone numbers to supplement the information on home phones. There will be a public education program before this goes into service.

We are always available to give tours to school and scout groups as well as any interested citizens.

The dispatchers who work for the two towns are a dedicated group. The residents can feel confident that when help is needed at any hour of the day or night, a qualified and caring person will be on the other end of the telephone to render assistance.

Anne Marie Cullen

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department is staffed by nine dedicated employees who provide excellent service to the Town of Wenham. Our department's responsibilities are extensive and varied. They include burials and maintenance of the cemetery, the town's buildings, parks, grounds and beach, maintenance of all roadways and sidewalks, and the repair and upkeep of all town vehicles. Assistance is also provided to the Water Department when the situation warrants.

In the spring we were busy putting finishing touches on the Emergency Culvert Project which was very successful. The crew was able to prepare the five ball fields in time for opening day along with a spring cleaning of the two parks and Pleasant Pond. The department also completed a thorough cleaning in the two cemeteries in preparation for the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies.

This summer the department was able to build a sidewalk from Grapevine Road down Larch Row and connect to an existing sidewalk. This sidewalk project has been ongoing for two years and we now have a sidewalk that runs from Gordon College to Main Street. The highway crew had to rebuild seven catch basins and completely replace three that were located on Cherry Street, Larch Row, and Buker School. The crew also had to prepare Mayflower Drive and Puritan Road, along with some other secondary roads, for paving and a new application called Mulch Seal / Crack Sealing which were funded under Mass Highway Chapter 90 Program.

The fall was busy with the loose leaf pickup. The crew was able to make two complete passes through town before the first snowfall. The athletic fields were spot seeded and fertilized. Unfortunately, the weather halted the cleanup of the parks, cemeteries, and monuments. This will be completed in the spring.

The winter so far has been near record breaking for the month of December. We were thankful for the mild start to the New Year, but have depleted 90% of our snow budget thus far.

After having completed my first full year as DPW Director, I would like to thank the Police, Water, and Fire Departments along with the Town Hall Staff for their help, support, and hard work, and the dedication of the Highway personnel. Communication and teamwork between departments is vital to the success of the DPW.

Bill Tyack
DPW Director

John Pews, Foreman
Donald Maidment, H.E. Operator
Jay Fountain, H.E. Operator
Bob Viel, H.E. Operator

Shawn Davis, Driver Operator
Bill Wildes, Driver Operator
Lenny Tuneburg, Mechanic/Operator
Sean Reed, Mechanic/Operator

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was created pursuant to Wenham's adoption of the Community Preservation Act in 2005. The CPC consists of nine volunteer members, one each from the Planning Board, Historic District Commission, Joint Recreation Board, Housing Authority, and Conservation Commission, and four members at-large.

The CPC is charged with reviewing applications for grants from the Community Preservation Fund and making recommendations to Town Meeting for funding approval. The CPC also monitors the distribution and use of any funds approved by Town Meeting.

The Act provides that Community Preservation Funds may be expended on projects in any of four categories:

1. Open Space
2. Affordable Housing
3. Historic Preservation
4. Recreation

Revenues:

Total CPA revenues are detailed in the schedule at the end of this report. CPA revenues are shown as estimated through the end of FY '08 (6/30/08) and will total approximately $1.14 million. Of this total, $461,452 was received from the state.

By law, three separate 10% allotments of total revenue must be set aside or expended annually for each of the following three categories: Open Space, Affordable Housing, and Historic Preservation. The town has consumed the 10% allotment each year for Historic Preservation (Historic Town Hall Renovation). The allotment for Open Space remains unused and stands at $133,792. The Affordable Housing account balance is $113,792, $20,000 having been appropriated for an Affordable Housing Master Plan. The remaining assets have either been appropriated for expenditure by Town Meeting or are held in a budgeted reserve account.

Unexpended funds are maintained in Certificates of Deposit and a Money Market Account overseen by Wenham's Director of Finance. Cumulative interest earned on the CPA fund to date is $29,159.

Expenditures:

Funds may be appropriated for expenditure by a formal application process consisting of three steps:

1. Submitting an application to the CPC by a given deadline,

2. A majority vote of the CPC in favor of recommending a maximum dollar amount to Town Meeting, and
3. A majority vote by Town Meeting in favor of appropriating an amount not to exceed that recommended by the CPC.

Appropriations and expenditures are detailed in the schedule at the end of this report. As of 2007, the major projects approved by Town Meeting for funding include the renovation of Wenham's historic Town Hall, construction of bicycle and pedestrian pathways, the Pleasant Pond project, rehabilitation of the gymnasium floor at Buker School, and the commissioning of an outside consultant to create an affordable housing master plan. Funds appropriated for a given project but not expended in the fiscal year for which they were appropriated fall back into an undesignated CPA fund balance reserve.

General:

In evaluating applications, the CPC attempts always to adhere to the principle of recommending those projects with the greatest potential to help stabilize increases in property taxes over the long term. Open space protection, affordable housing creation (without 40B), and the subsidizing with state funds of those projects the town would have to undertake regardless of the availability of CPA monies – these types of expenditures in our view hold the greatest promise for easing the pressure on increasing levies and overrides.

Matching Fund Forecast:

To date, all towns that have adopted the CPA have been fortunate each year to receive a 100% match of their local surcharge from the state. Wenham's surcharge is 3% of property taxes paid on real estate value over and above $100,000. Put another way, the first $100,000 of property value is exempt from the tax on which the CPA surcharge is calculated.

Looking ahead, the state Department of Revenue is advising local CPCs that the match is likely to decline to a figure closer to 60% - 70% of the local surcharge. Two factors are causing this decline:

1. An increasing number of communities adopting the CPA, and
2. A decline in transactions at Registries of Deeds from which the state CPA fund is derived.

According to the Act, because Wenham adopted the maximum 3% surcharge, it will receive a higher percentage of matching funds than other communities with the lower surcharge. This is due to the formula for determining the distribution of matching funds when an insufficient amount is available for a 100% match to all communities.

In this scenario, there are three rounds of distribution. In the first round, 80% of all funds available for matching are distributed to all CPA communities in amounts proportionate

to the revenues raised from the local surcharge. In the second and third rounds, the remaining 20% of available matching funds are distributed only to those communities with a 3% surcharge. Distribution of matching funds in these final rounds is preferentially weighted toward those communities that are determined by the state to be more rural and less affluent.

In the past year, the CPC welcomed Ann Shaw and Ted Batchelder to fill the vacant positions for the Housing Authority and Joint Recreation Board, respectively.

The CPC welcomes input from town residents. Please address comments or suggestions to the Wenham Community Preservation Committee, care of Wenham Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

The Wenham Community Preservation Committee

Ann Shaw, Wenham Housing Authority
Ted Batchelder, Joint Recreation Board
Virginia Rogers, Planning Board
Jennifer Tymann, Historic District Commission
Patrick Wilson (Chairman), Conservation Commission

At-Large Members:

Herbert Cheeseman
Susan Quateman
Gregory Heppner
James White

One in a series of police department promotions occuring in 2007.

Community Preservation Act
Revenue, Expenditures, & Investments
As of January 25, 2008*

REVENUE	
FY 06 Revenue	$225,862.92
FY 07 Revenue	$465,149.69
FY 08 Revenue	$419,520.04
Interest Earned	$29,159.84
Total CPA Revenue	$1,139,692.49
Total State Matching Funds included in FY 07 Revenue	$223,738.00
Total State Matching Funds included in FY 08 Revenue	$237,714.00
EXPENDITURES	
Bike Path - Bit Con Corporation - FY 2007	$16,794.68
Bike Path - Bit Con Corporation - FY 2008	$31,225.32
Pleasant Pond - Hancock Associates (Surveying) - FY 07	$3,800.00
Bike Path - Fiber Mulch Larch Row - FY 08	$1,980.00
Pleasant Pond - Registry of Deeds Filing Fees FY 08	$150.00
CPA Coalition - Membership Dues FY 08	$750.00
CPA Affordable Housing - FY 08	$170.72
CPA Affordable Housing - FY 08	$4,500.00
Historic Preservation - Town Hall Debt Principal	$111,421.00
Historic Preservation - Town Hall Debt Interest	$52,320.01
Community House Portico	$1,200.00
Ball Park Improvements FY 08	$1,682.69
US Bank Debt Pymnt FY 08	$163,741.01
	$389,735.43
Note: some revenue and interest not posted to Acct'g as of yet	$749,957.06
Investments as of Oct. 31, 2007	
60 Day Certificate of Deposit 4.75%	$243,287.01
30 Day Certificate of Deposit 4.85%	$326,361.06
CPA Money Market Acct. 4.17%	$254,818.50
	$824,466.57
Transfers of recent expenditures to be made at end of month	
CPA Appropriations voted at Town Meeting 05/01/06	
Engineering & Surveying Costs for Pleasant Pond	$10,000.00
Ball Park Improvements	$2,000.00
Bike Path	$25,000.00
Excluded Debt for the Town Hall Project	$157,784.00

CPA Appropriations voted at Town Meeting 05/05/07

Bike Path (Encumbrance =$8,205.32)	$25,000.00
Excluded Debt for the Town Hall Project	$48,295.76
Preservation of Pleasant Pond (Encumbrance = $6,200.)	$13,300.00
Rehabilitation of Buker Elementary School Gymnasium Floor	$20,000.00
Affordable Housing Study	$20,000.00
CPA Committee Administrative Expenses	$2,500.00
Rehabilitation and restoration of the portico at the historic Community House	$4,100.00

*Source: Office of the Wenham Town Director of Finance

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REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL AND POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

Construction of the Town Hall and Police Station Building Project had begun in December 2006 and was well underway when calendar year 2007 began. The Project included construction of renovations and an addition to the existing Town Hall building at 138 Main Street and construction of a new Police Station on the adjacent lot at 140 Main Street. The construction contractor was Barr, Incorporated of Putnam, Connecticut.

During the year the Committee met monthly to review progress and to make key decisions concerning the Project. The Chairman, Town Administrator, and Chief of Police met at least weekly, and often more frequently, with the contractor, the Architect, and Project Manager to monitor the work.

In addition to the construction contract, separate contracts were awarded during the year for the security system, computer network wiring, telephone system, and furnishings and miscellaneous equipment for both the Town Hall and Police Station.

By the end of the year, construction on both buildings was approaching completion. The septic system, site drainage, gas and water lines, and sidewalks had been installed and the parking areas had been paved. The Committee was looking forward to substantial completion and occupancy of both buildings in the early part of 2008. Final site grading, seeding of the lawns and exterior finish work were scheduled to follow in the spring.

The Committee included the following members: Donald Bannon; Jeff Chelgren; John Clemenzi; Harriet Davis; James Howard; Judith LeBlanc; David Mehlin; William Nichols; Benjamin Tymann; Kenneth Walsh; Kenneth Whittaker; and John Darling, Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN HALL AND POLICE STATION
BUILDING COMMITTEE

John E. Darling, Chairman

WENHAM BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This committee was formed in 1997 to oversee the planning and development of safe pathways in Wenham, while maintaining the rural character of the town. A Master Plan, completed in 1999, was professionally crafted to conciliate engineering requirements and the rural character of our town. It identifies seven top priority roads: Maple Street, Topsfield Road, Pleasant Street, Larch Row, Grapevine Road, Cedar Street, and Walnut Street. There is a committee member for each of the above roads. Maple, Topsfield, Pleasant, Grapevine, and Larch Row have been completed.

Thanks in large part to two prior grants ($25,000 each) from the Wenham CPC in Fiscal Years 2007 and 2008, the Wenham DPW has constructed the two scheduled paths on Grapevine Road and Larch Row ahead of time and under budget. We continue to enjoy local donor support, having raised just over $13,000 in our latest annual appeal. We currently have a $173,450 bank balance.

Larch Row was built mainly with asphalt, though one area near Enon Village was fiber mulch due to wetlands issues. Unfortunately, the eastern end of Larch Row near Four Corners will not have a sidewalk because the ledge on both sides of the road makes the road too narrow for a path. In the spring of 2008, a survey will be done on Walnut Road, the next street slotted for sidewalks. After Walnut Road, the only remaining road in our Master Plan that is slotted for sidewalks is Cedar Street.

On Sunday, October 28th, our committee, headed by Moira Riccio, along with the Wenham Village Improvement Society and the town's new restaurant, The Exchange, once again organized a "Walk Wenham." The event celebrated the installation of the sidewalks on Larch Row. It was a lovely fall day and many residents, young and old, walked or biked from the Exchange down Monument, to Cherry, Topsfield, and finally down Cedar Street. Everyone ended up for snacks from the Exchange while the children enjoyed the playground. Many children and parents, including one dog, went home with yellow Walk Wenham tee shirts that were for sale during the walk.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped or contributed to the improvement of Wenham roadside paths and as always, special thanks to the diligent workers in the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

Fanny de Lacvivier, Chairman

Committee Members: Bill Charman - head of Finance, Conrad Willeman, Betsy Miller, Tisha Charman, Sue Evans, Moira Riccio, Mary Hull, Win Dodge, Patty Cavanaugh, DPW Supervisor John Pews, and Selectman Peter Hersee.

WENHAM WATER DEPARTMENT

Our water quality remains excellent and meets or exceeds all existing standards. The Water Department regularly monitors the quality of your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. During 2007 we conducted over 550 tests for over 100 substances, including microbial compounds, volatile organic compounds (VOC's), radionuclides, and inorganic compounds (IOC's).

For most of this past summer the Ipswich River fell below sustainable levels, resulting in a State-mandated ban on all sprinklers from July to November. We would like to thank all those who cooperated and encourage everyone to re-think their landscaping and watering needs. With more frequent bans, the idea of a green lawn all summer will be a thing of the past. We encourage all residents to read and follow the guidelines in the "Greenscapes" flyer and the www.greenscapes.org website.

Meter replacement continued in 2006, the fourth year of a five-to six-year town-wide upgrade program. This upgrade allows us to read meters from the street and automates the billing procedure.

We awarded the Lord's Hill Tank painting contract to AMSTAR of Western New York. Work will begin in the spring, as soon as the weather allows.

As always, we would like to thank the many town officials and residents who help to keep Wenham water among the best around.

Richard M. Carnevale, Chairman
Richard K. Quateman
Ernest C. Ashley

Bruce D. Blanchard, Superintendent

WATER DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

	2006	2007
TOTAL WATER PUMPED	111,383,000 (Permitted withdrawal:	130,448,000 142,350,000)
MAXIMUM DAY	613,000	806,000
AVERAGE GALLONS/PERSON/DAY	69.40	72.94
HARDNESS (Calcium)	140.0 mg/l	180.0 mg/l
MILES OF WATER MAIN	28.15	28.15
FIRE HYDRANTS	211	212
WATER SERVICES	1,156	1,159
NEW SERVICES ADDED	27	3
METERED WATER SALES	$427,130.01	$459,984.16
OTHER INCOME	$64,046.92	$3,506.20
TOTAL INCOME	$491,176.93	$463,490.36

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For fiscal 2008, the total assessed value for real and personal property increased by $14,512,700 or 2.5% over last year from $822,587,133 to $837,099,833. By comparison, the increase last year was $4,568,548 or .56%. The primary reason for the increase growth was due to inclusion of partial completion of the Boulder Condominium development. Fiscal year 2008 assessed values are based on a valuation date of January 1, 2007.

The town again benefited from significant "New Growth" of $14,718,830 which added $174,174.28 tax dollars to the Levy Limit.

The fiscal year 2008 tax rate increased $1.25 or 10.7% from $11.67 to $12.92 per thousand of assessed valuation from 2007 to 2008. The median assessed valuation for a single family home in Wenham is now assessed for $544,200; a decrease of $2,500 or .45% over last year. The average assessed value for a single family home in Wenham is $652,434; an increase of $6,834 or 1.05% over last year.

During Fiscal 2007, we received 62 real estate and 1 personal property abatement applications, of which 32 were fully or partially approved for a total abated assessed value of $1,516,700. We also approved the following real estate tax exemptions:

Statute	Number	Amount
Chapter 59, CL 22, 22A, & 22E - Veterans	13	$6,150.00
Chapter 59, CL 37A – Blind	4	$2,000.00
Chapter 59, CL 41A – Tax Deferral	7	$31,841.03
Chapter 59, CL 41C – Senior 65 & over	11	$11,000.00

Four seniors had their taxes reduced by $750 as a result of their participation in the Senior Citizens Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program.

We want to thank the Wenham taxpayers, Board of Selectmen, and other Town Boards and Committees for their support over the past year.

John DeSimone Richard Fleming Thomas Tanous

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

A total of 179 building permits were issued this year, including one new single family dwelling and 14 townhouses. A building permit for a new Police Station and renovation of the Town Hall was also issued. The total amount collected in permit fees during the year was $57,040.

A building permit should be obtained for work performed on your building. This ensures that the work has been done according to the Mass Building Code and that the contractor has provided the proper licenses and insurance.

CHARLES BRETT
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

A total of 215 permits were issued this year. Total fees collected for these permits amounted to $12,720.

Plumbing fees are as follows: $60 for new construction (plus $5 per fixture); $30 replacement fixtures (includes 3 fixtures) minimum fee $30.

Gas fees are as follows: $60 for new construction (plus $5 per appliance); minimum fee $30.

KEVIN DASH
Gas & Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

A total of 150 electrical permits were issued this year. Total fees collected for these permits amounted to $40,088.

Permit fees for new construction, additions, and remodeling are $10 for the first $1,000 of estimated building costs as determined by the building inspector and $3 for each additional $1,000.

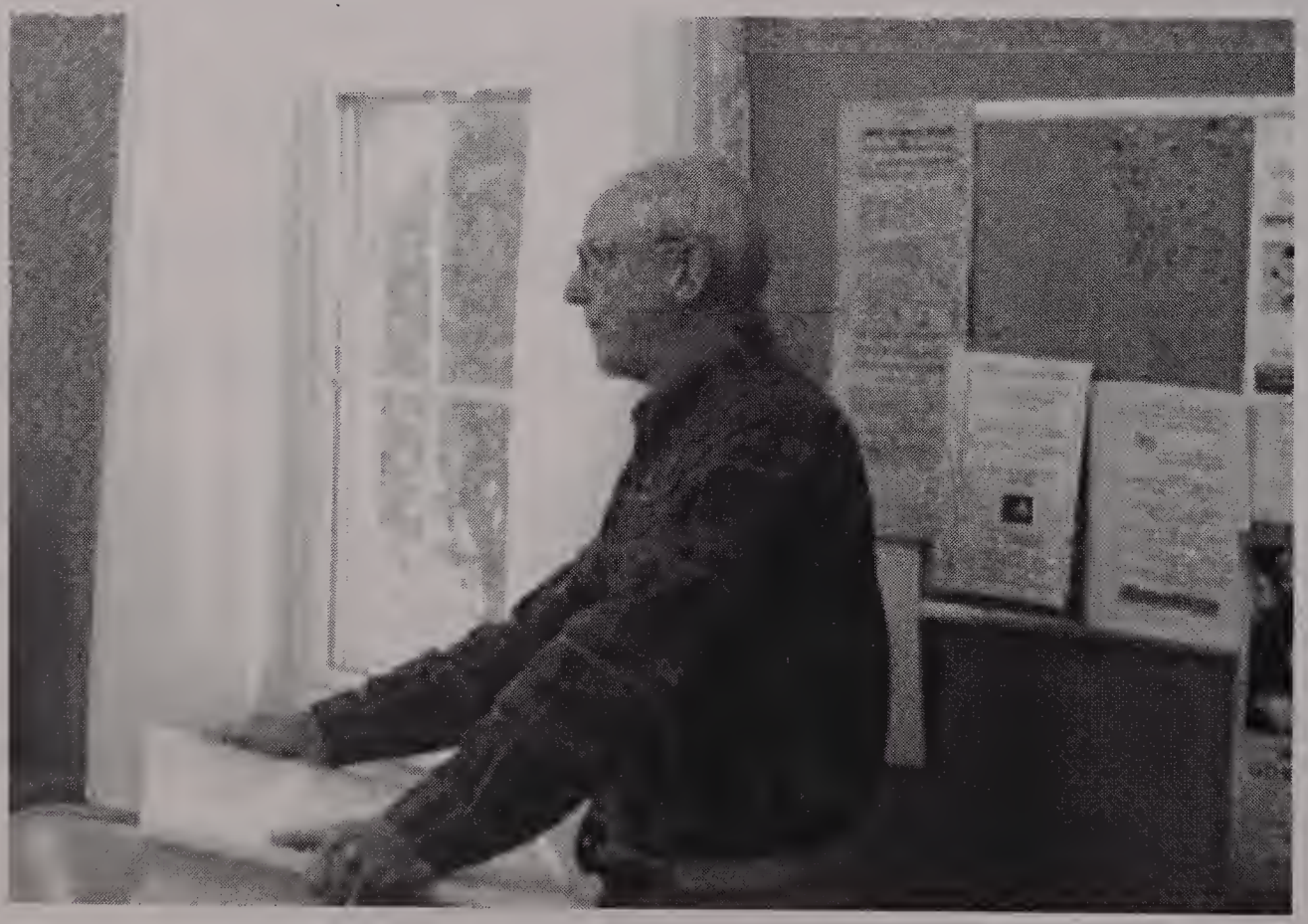
In order to obtain an electrical permit the licensed electrician must submit proof of liability insurance, including completed operations coverage, or a signed waiver from the building owner.

ROBERT. B. BROWN, JR.
Electrical Inspector

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Wenham Board of Health reviewed and approved two new subdivisions and denied the application for a third. The Board approved and provided oversight for the Town Hall complex. It continues to partner with the thirteen cities and towns that make up the North Shore Coalition for emergency preparedness. The Town of Wenham continues to be a participant in the North Shore Mosquito Control District, an important service which continues to monitor the species of mosquito that inhabit the swamps of Wenham and provides the initial warning to the Health Department of any mosquito-borne disease. The Board continues review of Title 5 septic upgrades, and new construction. Over the course of the last five years upgrading septic systems in the Pleasant Pond recharge area has been a priority. The Department of Public Health and the Board of Health continue to monitor and follow up confirmed cases of communicable diseases including tuberculosis, hepatitis, and campylobacter. Increases in the cases of both Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases continue to make up the majority of all reportable diseases. New reporting requirements from the Department of Public Health for all confirmed cases of tuberculosis have increased the cost of monitoring these individuals. The new changes to the Pleasant Pond town landing will require the Board to monitor water quality and provide extra services.

Gerald Donnellan, Chairman
Dorothy Dodge Maciejowski
Dr. Miguel Martinez
John Jacobi, Agent



Dick Eddy presenting at a Council on Aging Coffee.

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board works to help developers and property owners develop their property in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth and the Rules and Regulations of the Town. We try to maximize aesthetic values, preserve the environment, and protect the value of neighboring and abutting properties.

Because our values and standards have stayed the same and because available land in Wenham is in increasingly short supply continued development of land is getting increasingly difficult and expensive for developers. Sometimes applications are withdrawn after many hours of meetings. Some are put on indefinite hold. Some applications survive after extensive meetings with the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and the MA Dept. of Environmental Protection.

There have been only two approvals for subdivision of land, both small: one for two lots on Arbor Street and one for three lots on Grapevine Road. No new public roads were created.

The Board approved a proposal to allow Windover Development to fulfill its affordable housing obligation at The Boulders, 181 Main Street, by contributing $703,000 for the purchase of the "Dearborn Property" on Topsfield Road. Three acres of this land will be given to Habitat for Humanity for the building of three "affordable" houses, one each for the next three years. The remaining land will be conservation/passive recreation restricted. With this action our formal relationship with Windover Development has concluded, although Windover has pledged to continue informal support for the Habitat for Humanity project on Topsfield Road.

Conversations with Gordon College continue as they develop their physical plant to accommodate growth in their physical education and mobility and balance programs.

Gretchen Roorback-Wagner has resigned from the Board, necessitated by her family's move out of town. We thank her for her years of service to the Board. Minot Frye of Grapevine Road was appointed to fill her position until the next regularly scheduled election.

David Geikie, Chairman
Virginia Rogers
Minot Frye
Donald Killam
Ernest Stan Dodge

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The report of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Town of Wenham for the year 2007 is submitted herewith. There were relatively few matters considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals this year, but one matter, the Gordon College Brigham Athletic Complex, required multiple hearings.

Gordon College filed an application on July 17, 2006, seeking the determination of the applicability of M.G.L., Ch. 40A, §3 (the so-called "Dover Amendment") to the use of light towers at the College's facility off of Hull Street, called Brigham Athletic Field. Specifically, the College sought the Board's approval that the Dover Amendment permits the College to use six light towers at a height of up to 85 feet and two additional light towers at a height of up to 60 feet. The maximum height of structures allowed under the Wenham By-Laws is 55 feet by special permit. The College's proposed use of lights at its athletic facility was opposed by a number of abutters who asserted that the spillover from the lights adversely affected them. The Board held duly-noticed public hearings on the College's application on August 30, 2006, March 6, 2007 (field testing the lights), April 18, 2007, July 18, 2007, and October 29, 2007. A number of modifications and restrictions were discussed which were intended to ameliorate the effect of the lighting on the abutters. As of the end of the year, the matter had not yet been resolved.

The next matter related to a petition was by the owner of property at 356 Grapevine Road for a special permit for a bed and breakfast establishment. The petitioner had the support of several abutters, and after carefully considering the petition, the Board granted the requested Special Permit, subject to appropriate conditions.

This report is hereby submitted on behalf of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

James Westra, Chairman
Anthony M. Feeherry
Timothy D. Mansfield
Francis J. McNamara, III
Jonathan A. Stringer

BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Cemetery Commission oversaw the end of plot sales at the Main Street Cemetery and discussed fee increases to bring Wenham in line with other communities at the Iron Rail Cemetery. Newly elected member Dr. Bryant Barnard, along with landscape designer Hugh Collins Jr., mapped out which existing trees will remain or be taken down. Signs explaining cemetery policies regarding plantings and dogs have been installed at both cemeteries. The front wall on Main Street is now repaired. Thanks to Eagle Scout Pat Blais and local contractor and former Scoutmaster Phil Blanchette, the Main Street office is freshly painted with many replaced boards and molding. Additional structural work is needed and will be addressed in 2008.

Plans are ongoing for a focal point including a flag pole for future ceremonies at Iron Rail. Water lines are also expected to be in place in 2008.

The Commission would like to thank former burial agent Jay Fountain, reappointed burial agent John Pews, Bruce Blanchard, Jeff Chelgren, Debbi Morong, and the Town of Wenham Highway Department under William Tyack, for their assistance this year.

Richard Caves, Chairman
Dorothy Dodge Maciejowski, Secretary
Dr. Bryant Barnard

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, adopted in 1972, is a statewide wetlands protection law that includes regulations, policies, and guidelines to govern activities near wetlands, water bodies, and other areas "subject to protection." Work in these areas is regulated in order to protect the important roles that wetlands serve, including:

- Protection of public, private, and ground water supplies
- Flood control
- Storm damage prevention
- Pollution prevention
- Protection of fisheries, wildlife habitat, and land containing shellfish.

The Town of Wenham consists of approximately 40 to 45 % wetlands. Wetlands, also known as swamps, bogs, and marshes, are identified according to three criteria: plant and tree species, existence of water in the soil (called hydrology), and soil type, determined by color and composition.

The primary responsibility for administrating the interest of the Wetlands Protection Act falls to local conservation commissions. The Commission in Wenham consists of seven volunteer members and one part time paid coordinator. In 1988 the Town of Wenham adopted the Wenham Water Resources Protection Bylaw which is administered concurrently with the state Wetlands Protection Act. Wenham's local wetlands bylaw is more stringent than the state law in that it requires greater setbacks (minimum distances) from wetlands in which activities can occur. This year, the Commission drafted changes to the local bylaw that were approved at Town Meeting in May. The amendments clarify some procedures and definitions, provide greater protection of vernal pools, expand the ability to hire consultants for project review, and generally allow for greater protection of wetland resources throughout the Town.

Any activity within 100 feet of a wetland resource requires review by the Conservation Commission, and many activities require a permit. In some instances, actions within 200 feet of river, pond, and lake resources can also be regulated. Based on the local bylaw, septic systems may be located no closer than 100 ft. from a wetland and no construction activity may occur closer than 50 ft. from a wetland. In addition, the bylaw states that no activity or disturbance of any kind may occur closer than 30 ft. from a wetland, with the exception that a driveway or utility line may pass as close as 20 ft. to a wetland.

Information on approximate wetland locations in the Town of Wenham is available through the Conservation Commission office at Town Hall. Moreover, the Conservation Coordinator is available to help residents make preliminary determinations on wetland locations and boundaries. Actual delineation of wetland boundaries for permitting purposes, however, must be performed by licensed wetlands professionals. The Conservation Commission urges Wenham residents with any questions pertaining to wetlands to contact the Conservation Coordinator at Town Hall or via email at ecademartori@wenhamma.gov.

In 2007 under the state and local wetland laws, the conservation commission:

- Granted permits for seven new projects and amended two permits
- Extended four existing permits
- Issued six certificates of compliance
- Provided five determinations of applicability
- Investigated multiple violations

A long-outstanding enforcement action for a residential project was settled, resulting in the creation of an enhanced wetland area. A Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Administrative Law Judge supported the Conservation Commission's position in an original denial of a permit in 2004 for a Chapter 40B development on Burley Street. In a third legal matter, initiated by a 2006 project denial, the Superior Court granted the Town's motion for summary judgment.

The Conservation Commission and/or its coordinator also made many site visits to monitor construction, confirm wetland boundaries, and assist homeowners with the permitting process.

In addition to protecting the town's natural resources, the conservation commission is also charged with the stewardship of certain parcels of open space in the town. A number of these parcels have conservation restrictions governing their use. Preliminary work was begun this year toward updating the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan (originally written in 2001). An updated plan will qualify the Town for various state supported grant programs.

Linda Hansen resigned as Conservation Coordinator in April, and served as the interim coordinator until June when Emilie Cademartori was hired as the new Conservation Coordinator for the Commission. One long-standing Commissioner, Roland Bonnette, retired in June, leaving a vacancy that has not yet been filled. The position of Conservation Officer is also currently vacant.

Please introduce yourself to the new Conservation Coordinator and help us serve the community better by providing your ideas, concerns, and insights. The Commission encourages all residents to protect Wenham's natural resources by adhering to the state and local wetlands laws and by conserving water, recycling, and composting organic wastes. The Commission also urges residents to limit their use of fertilizer, weed control, and pesticides, and reminds residents that use of these substances is strictly regulated near wetlands. For information or guidance on any of these issues, please contact the Conservation Office.

Philip Colarusso	Patrick Wilson (Chairman)
Kenneth Whittaker	Leo Maestranzi
Robert Burnett	Malcolm Reid

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Wenham Historic District Commission issued 15 Certificates of Appropriateness for modifications to existing buildings, new construction, and signs within the Historic District in 2006. The certificates included:

1. Construction signs for the Town Hall/Police Station project
2. Windows for the Town Hall/Police Station Project
3. Granite Stone Veneer to cover the foundation of the addition to the Town Hall
4. Shingles for both the Town Hall and the new Police Station
5. The design of the Main Street entranceway to the Boulders project
6. Signs for lmk Interiors and Ulirch Landscape Design at 77 Main Street
7. New windows and the replacement of a door along the street side at 154 Main Street
8. A new sign for 154 Main Street
9. New windows for the Wenham Tea House
10. An iron railing for the porch at the entrance to the New Police Station
11. Iron posts and railings to be placed on the side of the steps leading to the Main Street entrance to the Town Hall
12. A new sign for the Town Hall
13. A new sign for Irresistibles at the Wenham Tea House
14. A wooden fence at 104 Main Street
15. Shutters for the Town Hall and the new Police Station

The Town Hall/Police Station Project

The Commission worked closely throughout the year with the Town Hall/Police Station Building Committee to ensure that the project received timely consideration and approval for those items such as windows, shingles, railings, shutters, and signs which needed Certificates of Appropriateness. On three occasions the Commission held special joint meetings with the Building Committee so that timely approval could be given for items that needed to be ordered immediately to keep the project on schedule.

Tercentenary Signs

Mr. Don Bannon of Wenham presented to the Commission in January a plan for getting the two Tercentenary signs along Main Street restored by the State Highway Commission. The Commission approved Don's plan and presented it to the Board of Selectmen who sent a letter to the State Highway Commission asking that the signs be restored. Shortly thereafter the signs were removed, restored and put back in place. The Commission is grateful to Mr. Bannon and the Board of Selectmen for their help with this project.

Commission Membership

The Commission regrets the departure from the Commission in 2007 of Tyson Goodridge and thanks him for his service. The commission welcomed the addition of Don Bannon in December.

Jim Howard, Chairman (District Resident)
David Mehlin (Architect)
Jennifer Tymann (Wenham Resident)
Tom Zampell (Wenham Resident)
Don Bannon (Architect)
Lanse Robb (District Resident and Real Estate Broker)
Sissi Finn (District Resident)

New Police Department Building under construction.

IRON RAIL COMMISSION

This year has been busy at our site on Grapevine Road. Our duties as directors have changed considerably from what was originally established.

The Highway and Water Departments have grown larger as needed. A new water tank has been installed on the knoll west of the utility site. Several smaller buildings are being used by the Highway for storage. With the appointment of Bill Tyack as Highway Superintendent of the property we have been pleased with his efforts. Bill has hired Joe Bourgaris to do maintenance on a part-time basis.

We have a new scoutmaster Joel Whitman who is directing the troop in their quarters in the barn. They are crowded by loss of space by storage of old library equipment. It is hoped that this space will be returned when the Town Hall is completed. The commission was approached beforehand.

A new walking trail has been installed. There have been improvements at the center and we are hoping for savings in heat and light as promised.

We still have several empty areas available for rent which would help our income.

We need a replacement for Ted Wadsworth who resigned. We shall miss him.

The new cemetery has been activated this year under the cemetery control.

We have been helped by Board of Selectmen Chairman John Clemenzi with his experience in rental land contracts. Thank you John.

A. Winslow Dodge
James Perkins
William Hidden
Philip Blanchette

COUNCIL ON AGING

The mission of the Wenham Council on Aging is to provide and advance programs and services to enrich the lives of older adults in the community. The Wenham Council on Aging is a state mandated council with council members being volunteers. General meetings of the Council are held at the Senior Center the second Tuesday of the month, at 2:00 PM. The meetings are open to the public and Wenham residents are encouraged to attend.

During 2007, Jack Hauck, chairperson of the COA board, resigned from the board. Jack served as the chair for four years, providing a wealth of knowledge and interest to the board. Jack was always thinking outside the box in ways to improve services that the COA could offer to the Wenham seniors. Jack is greatly missed by all and one day we hope he will return to serve on the board.

Following are some of the highlights for the year 2007, proving to be another great year:

Monthly newsletters continue to be a big part of senior outreach. The newsletters are mailed to over 800 seniors in our community. Partial funding for postage was provided by the Friends of the Wenham COA. Another means of reaching out to seniors is the COA web site. The site is updated on a regular basis with on going programs, current newsletters, and board minutes.

The COA continues to offer trips to the Boston Pops once or twice a year, an annual ice cream social, and Victorian Tea. Our goal for 2008 is to offer more trips/social gatherings in order for seniors to get re-acquainted with their old friends and to make new friends. During 2007 the Wenham COA worked with the Hamilton COA and H-W Community House to sponsor a Fall Breakfast for area seniors. The H-W Garden Club graciously donated table centerpieces, the H-W Regional School District jazz band under the direction of Erik Fecke provided entertainment, and most importantly, the food was prepared by the H-W Rotary Club.

Coffee socials continue to run monthly. We offer guest speakers from town to share information on town issues and activities. We average 20-50 attendees each coffee. We were also fortunate to have as guest speakers Sen. Bruce Tarr and Rep. Brad Hill.

The Senior Tax Work Off Abatement Program, which allows Wenham residents over the age of 60 to perform work for the Town of Wenham at a rate equal to minimum wage in order to earn credit towards their property tax bill, had three participants. Under this program, senior residents are allowed to earn up to $750.00 in credit, which is applied to their property tax bill. For more information regarding this program please contact the Wenham Council on Aging office at 978-468-5529.

Holiday plants were distributed to over 180 seniors over the age 80. This program continues to be a big hit with our seniors. Special thanks to Jean Eddy who organizes this program and thanks also to the team of volunteers who deliver the plants.

The Arts Committee has done an outstanding job in obtaining local artist's work in order to display them at the Senior Center. Local artists can display their work while at the same time beautifying the Senior Center. The Art Committee consists of Kit Richardson, Doris Suminsby, Luci Lynch, and Roseann Brozenske.

The Programs Committee is off to a good start, offering an array of programs for seniors. A Handyman Man program has been started, allowing seniors a way of getting small items fixed at little or no cost to them. A special thanks to Dick Eddy for keeping this program running. The H-W School Administration has been kind enough to allow us to use a room in the bottom of their building. Another program available to the seniors is Shredder Day. Seniors can bring their old paper work into the Senior Center to be shredded at no cost. This assists the senior with recycling and avoids Identify Theft. In 2007, working with the H-W Public Library, the COA now offers Movie Matinee monthly. This is a great way for seniors to see a variety of movies for free, in their neighborhood. The COA would like to thank the library for allowing us to use space at the library in order to offer this program.

A Friends of the Wenham Council of Aging has been established. Donations to this group are both state and federal tax deductible. During 2007, the Friends held their first Annual Kite Flying Day. Over 300 attendees helped to make this a successful day. Kites were made by people of all ages at the Bessie Buker Elementary School, where they later traveled to the grounds of Gordon Conwell to put their kites to flight. The COA would like to especially thank Mary Kelly, Dick Eddy, Ditty Mulry, and Maggie Carnie for their volunteer work to make Kite Day very successful.

As Director of the COA, I continue to play an active role in TRIAD. TRIAD is a national initiative that began in 1989. TRIAD represents a three-way partnership among a community's senior or retired leaders, its local Chief of Police, the County Sheriff, and the District Attorney. The primary goal is to address crime issues that affect the health and safety of older citizens. The three-part TRIAD teams work together to reduce criminal victimization of the elderly and to enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to older persons. I would like to thank Ken Walsh, Wenham Chief of Police; Sergeant Jeff Toby of the Wenham Police; Bob Blanchard, Wenham Fire Chief; and Jason Ebacher and Mariellen Fidyrich of the Essex County Sheriff's Department for their continued support and commitment to the Town of Wenham TRIAD Council. In addition to those listed, I would also like to thank the seniors who serve on the council: Wil Hardy, Ruth Kingsley, Roseann Brozenske, and Carol Tyack.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jeff Chelgren, Wenham Town Administrator; the Wenham Selectman; and the COA board members for their support and their understanding of the importance of our COA programs. As the town's COA, it is our responsibility to see to the seniors of Wenham, and without the town's support this would not be possible.

Respectfully submitted:
Trudy Reid
Wenham Council on Aging Director

Council on Aging Board Members:

Richard Eddy
Luci Lynch
Susan Carp
Merle Welsh
Mary Kelly
Jean Eddy
Roseann Brozenske
Cecile Moscatiello

Associate Board Members:

John Suminsby
Nancy Spofford
Marion D'Ambrosio

HAMILTON-WENHAM COUNCIL ON AGING VAN SERVICE

The Hamilton-Wenham Council on Aging handicap-accessible van has completed another highly successful year of operation. Ridership has significantly increased with impressive usage being reported each month.

During the year 2007 we provided 3,500 rides to Hamilton and Wenham seniors, and signed up 31 new riders. Many seniors use the service to go to their medical appointments, which may include rides to Beverly Hospital, Hunt Hospital, Cummings Center, and Ipswich. Other rides include non–medical trips to the hairdresser, grocery shopping, church, crafts at Enon Village, bank, and train stations.

During the year we said goodbye to a valuable staff member, Ritchie Vitale. After battling cancer for a few months, Ritchie passed away August 2007. Ritchie started driving for the van shortly after the van operation started up on February 2004. Ritchie could always be counted on to report to work on time, following through with the day's schedule, and he always was very kind to the senior riders.

Greg Young, who was originally hired as a back-up driver, started driving for the van two days a week in February 2007. Greg has been a wonderful addition to the staff of van drivers, which makes up three for the program. Current drivers include Larry Tessier, Bill DiPaolo, and Greg Young. Our current van dispatcher is Jeff Hyde, who continues to act as a back-up van driver when needed. Also, Jeff's knowledge of vehicles allows us to be proactive with van maintenance, forcing us to take the van out of service only when absolutely necessary.

The following Mission Statement is deeply rooted in a philosophy common among and shared by the staff at the COA: "The purpose of the Hamilton-Wenham Van program is to provide transportation services that will not only enrich the lives of our senior population but allow them to maintain a sense of independence as well."

Respectfully submitted,
Trudy Reid
H-W COA Van Supervisor

WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Wenham Housing Authority with the assistance of the Executive Director is responsible for the administration of Enon Village, the attractive apartment complex for the elderly/disabled on Larch Lane, and the two four-bedroom houses for disabled adults also on Larch Lane. The Housing Authority cooperates with both the WSSH Committee and the Accord Food Pantry to ensure that tenants have access to needed social services.

This year saw a change in the composition of the Board of Commissioners. After serving two terms, Phyllis Sullivan decided not to run for reelection and Ann Shaw was elected to fill that position. Commissioner Shaw is the Housing Authority's representative to the Community Preservation Committee. In December, Governor Patrick made a new appointment to the Board – Elizabeth Craig McCormack, replacing Marcia Molay. The Department of Community Development and the Housing Authority thanked Ms. Molay for her many years of dedicated service to the Housing Authority.

Eighty-nine residents, some of whom have barrier-free apartments, currently occupy the eighty-four units. Our present waiting list consists of 36 people, which is fewer than in previous years. Currently there are no Wenham residents on the list. Approximately half of the list is made up of under-age disabled applicants. There is a cap on the number of disabled tenants who may living in elderly housing. There were nine (9) vacancies in 2006. Income eligibility for residency in the fall of 2007 remained at $46,300 for one person and $52,950 for two persons.

The buildings and grounds at Enon Village are well maintained by the staff and the Enon Village Tenants Associations contributes to the beautification through their flower planting and gardening. In 2006, six buildings received new roofs and in 2007 the Board of Commissioners approved completion of the remaining five buildings. The new roofs were paid out of Authority funds.

Town residents can take pride in the fact that the Housing Authority has had prudent fiscal management over the years and continues to remain in a strong financial position. Wenham's Authority is one of a handful of authorities state-wide that has never received state subsidies for operating expenses. It has, in the past, received grant money for large projects such as window modernization and the new septic system.

Tenants continue to benefit from the community at Enon Village. Each tenant who desires a garden plot is assigned one. Additionally, plots are available to seniors in Wenham and Hamilton depending on availability. In the last few years several elders from Wenham and Hamilton have raised vegetables and flowers along with the tenants here. The Lunch Program administered by the Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School continues to be successful. The lunches are open to elders from either Hamilton or Wenham and there are a few residents of each town who participate in the program. This year the Council on Aging and the High School cooperated on a Thanksgiving luncheon and it was well attended by both Enon Village tenants and others in the two communities.

The Tenants have a very active association and are involved in recreational activities as well as fundraising activities such as their Christmas fair. Proceeds from the fair have been used for local scholarships and similar charities.

The Council on Aging's van service is well-utilized by the tenants at Enon Village and the number of tenants using the service continues to increase.

Once again, we wish to express our appreciation to the Police, Fire, and Highway departments for their continued concern and support on behalf of the Enon Village residents. Also, we wish to thank the Wenham Post Office for making stamp purchases available at Christmastime at Enon Village. We'd also like to thank the Wenham Council on Aging and the Wenham Public Library for making life more pleasant at Enon Village. Also, appreciation is given to the Hamilton Wenham Garden Club for their workshops here.

The Board of Commissioners meets at least 10 times per year on the second Tuesday of the month in the community building at Enon Village.

Finally, if anyone is interested in visiting the facilities at Larch Lane or if they have any questions, please contact Marian Linden, Executive Director at the Housing Authority, at 468-1532 Monday through Thursday.

Elizabeth Craig McCormack, State Appointee
Elizabeth Armington, Vice Chair
James Stelline, Treasurer
Ann Shaw, Asst. Treasurer
Marion D'Ambrosio, Commissioner

Marian Linden, Exec. Director
Patrick Henry, Maintenance
Raymond Krajeski, Maintenance
Marie DiPietro, Admin. Assistant

WISSH COMMITTEE

The Wenham Issues of Social Service & Housing (WISSH) Committee members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. WISSH was established in 1979 to assist Wenham residents who were experiencing an emergency financial situation. Part of the WISSH mission has been to promote affordable housing in Wenham. WISSH also acts as a referral agent to help Wenham residents with unmet needs. The Committee meets on a monthly basis except for July and August.

Programs under the guidance of WISSH are as follows:

NORTH SHORE HOME CONSORTIUM: The Town of Wenham receives money annually from the Consortium through HUD (Housing and Urban Development). The money can be used for rehab of a residence, First Time Home Buyers Program, or rental assistance. The WISSH Chairman attends the monthly meeting at the Consortium. Contact Ann Shaw for rehab, First Time Home Buyer Program, or rental assistance at 978-468-3399.

JAMES BRADY FUND: These funds are to be used to promote affordable housing in Wenham.

LOCAL INITIATIVE HOUSING: There are five names on the lottery waiting list in the event a unit becomes available. Nichole Hagstrom, at the Wenham Town Hall, is the coordinator of the lottery waiting list.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: In 2007, there were 20 requests for emergency financial assistance. There were three disabled citizens, seven single parents, three families, and seven senior citizens who requested emergency financial assistance. Eleven requests were for heating fuel and electricity payments. A financial screening is completed on each request to determine eligibility for assistance. Strict confidentiality is always maintained by using a number-coded system to transact the financing.

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: In November, a letter was sent to Wenham residents requesting a contribution to WISSH in order to perpetuate this valuable program for Wenham residents.

Committee Members

Susan Harnisch, Chairman
Ann Shaw, Co-Chair
Susan Bannon
Susan Carp
Peter Hersee (Ex-Officio)
Donald Killam
Donald Luxton
Calvin Perkins
Pat Purdy
Margaret Scoglio
Tom Tanous

THE HAMILTON-WENHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council awarded $8,000 in state funds for the year 2007 to local artists and performers in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. In addition to the State funds, a $1,000 donation was made by Augie MacCurrach of Wenham from funds raised at a band party at the Community House. The Council wants to thank Augie and all those who attended and contributed to this cause. The 6-member Council strives to select events that will enrich and appeal to all sectors of the community. There were 30 applications for grants this year. Whole or partial funding was given to 17 applicants:

❖ Georgia Bills	Jump into Spring
❖ Anthony Boff	Wonder Tales
❖ Buker Elementary	Artquest Programs
❖ Cantemus Chamber Chorus	"Songs of Love: Requited and Not Quite" Concert
❖ Richard Clark	And Now Mark Twain
❖ Cutler School	A Christmas Carol
❖ Friends of Wenham Council on Aging	Wenham Kite Flying Day
❖ Friendship Theater	Our Town
❖ J.P. Goodwin	River Run
❖ H/W Garden Club	Conservatory Programs
❖ Hamilton Historical Society	This evening – You Are There!
❖ Hamilton-Wenham Public Library	Drawbridge Puppet Theater & Jim Cruise the Spoon Man
❖ New England Light Opera	GWOSWOG! One Acts
❖ John Root	Senior Citizen Musical Program
❖ Sundays in Patton Park	Sundays in Patton Park
❖ The Open Road Theater	Cinderella
❖ Veterans for Peace	North Shore Peace Poetry Contest

On November 28, 2007, the Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council voted on and granted $8,897 for 16 grant applications for the year 2008.

Residents of Hamilton and Wenham with an interest in the arts may want to consider applying for a position on the Council. Council members serve three-year terms and are appointed by the Boards of Selectmen. There are positions open on the Board for the coming year.

Meredith Gisness, Chairperson
Council Members:
Lorrie Berry, Roberta Perkins, Elizabeth Roberts, Mary Buntin, Heidi Blaser, Beth McLeod (new member)

HAMILTON – WENHAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Our commitment to continue to fund facility improvements, even in hard economic times, has become more trying. We were able to place a new play structure at the field behind the Recreation Center and, with continued support of the Hamilton DPW, arrange an agreement that the Town of Hamilton maintain the Donovan field to save the Youth Sports organizations the financial strain of trying to maintain this wonderful donation to the community. New benches, backstops, and bleachers grace Patton and Pingree Park and work is planned for the outdoor basketball court as well as the tennis courts in both towns. It is our goal to help the Friends of Buker fundraise for a new gym floor.

On the program side of our mission, new programs included many special events for the community funded by the Recreation Department, including Pumpkins in the Park, Winterfest, Kite Day, and Jump into Spring. This is new to us and was a wonderful addition to the community's offerings and an exciting partnership with the Police, COA, Community House, and Arts Council. We look forward to many more collaborations in the future.

In addition to the classes we continued to offer, we were pleased to offer new classes for preschoolers and some art and science classes were added to grace our school year brochure. We will continue to branch out to offer programs not traditionally associated with the Recreation Department.

Maggie Whitesell, Director

Hamilton-Wenham Recreation Board
Jay Butler, Chairman
Denis Curran
Bob Kerrigan
Renee LaForce-MacDonald
Jane Lyman
Lindle Willnow

RECREATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Hamilton-Wenham Recreation Department provides a wide variety of programs designed to improve the quality of life for residents by meeting physical and recreational needs. We promote lifelong lesson through play, education, and community-wide events.

HAMILTON-WENHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Hamilton-Wenham Public Library continued to be a welcoming destination and a source of information, leisure reading, meeting spaces, and cultural programming for our two towns. The Library Trustees who served during 2007 were Wendy Daynes, Chair; Doris Gallant, Secretary; Annette Janes; Madelyn Liberti; Joanne Ridinger; and Elizabeth Stanton. The trustees generally meet on the second Thursday of the month and they are to be commended for their leadership and dedication to the library. One of their prime achievements this year was to establish a Policy on Professional Education Incentive to encourage staff members in their pursuit of a Master's Degree in Library Science.

As usual, the library staff has been terrific. Their industriousness, creativity, enthusiasm, and commitment to excellent service make the library an inviting institution dedicated to lifelong learning and the joy of reading. In 2007, we reached our highest circulation ever. A total of 229,387 items circulated during the year. Our meeting rooms were used by community groups and library programs a total of 842 times. The library offered 179 adult programs, 75 young adult programs, and 275 children's programs. Our reference department answered 15,701 reference questions and our study rooms were used a total of 1,628 times. We also hosted six excellent art exhibits during the year that attracted many visitors to our facility. We installed six new computers and now offer 18 workstations for the public to use.

At least 1,912 children and 156 teens participated in our Summer Reading Program, "Catch the Beat at Your Library," which included many reading incentives and popular programs such as "Jewels from Mesopotamia: Kurdish Stories and Songs" by Diane Edgecomb, our 9th annual Vehicle Night, a visit from "The Spoon Man", and Charlie Hoffman's Monarch Butterfly Program. The teens enjoyed many programs including "Dance, Dance Revolution" and "Guitar Hero Night." We also supported the schools by providing Summer Reading materials.

This summer we also launched a new and successful partnership with the staff of the House of Seven Gables. Hamilton-Wenham adults were encouraged to read A Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne and one of our popular related activities was a field trip to the House of Seven Gables for a tour and a lecture. The Friends of the Library generously donated a pass to the Gables and many patrons have enjoyed visiting this historic landmark.

We added the "Series Adventure Club" which is our third story hour for elementary school children and continued to offer our popular story hours for preschoolers and babies. The library won a two-year LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant for "Tweens and Teens" totaling $20,000. This money will be used to improve the Young Adult area and purchase materials to improve our services and collection for youth from 11 to 18 years of age. Our Young Adult Advisory Group, the "Teen Think Tank," is instrumental in helping staff fulfill the requirements of the grant. The grant will also be used to improve resource sharing and communication with the Middle School and High School Library staff so that all students will be aware of and able to benefit from the public library's resources. A $600 grant supplied new music CDs for our collection.

Adults enjoyed many special programs, including an author visit from Megan Marshall, author of The Peabody Sisters, Three Women Who Ignited American Romanticism; the monthly Literary Luncheon; a Genealogy Lock-in; and a foreign film series in the fall. Our senior citizens enjoyed a wide variety of speakers and fellowship at our monthly Koffee Klatch.

During 2007 we launched our first Community Read. We read Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder and were privileged to partner with Gordon College to have Tracy Kidder speak about his book at the A.J Memorial Chapel on March 21, 2007. In 2008 we are celebrating our second community read: "Two Books for Two Towns." We will offer a variety of programs and activities related to A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson and Reading the Forested Landscape: a Natural History of New England by Tom Wessels. Tom Wessels will speak at Gordon College on April 8, 2008. Patrons of all ages are invited and encouraged to participate in the related activities and read the books.

Many of our programs are funded by the generous support of the Friends of the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library who are a stellar group of dedicated volunteers. They held two very profitable book sales and a successful membership drive. The friends purchased a stately podium for our meeting room. They continue to provide the means for the library to offer the following museum passes for the public to enjoy: Boston by Foot, Children's Museum in Boston, Cape Ann Historical Museum in Gloucester, DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, Department of Conservation and Recreation Parks Pass, House of Seven Gables, JFK Library and Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museum, Roger Williams Park Zoo, and the Wenham Museum. Library Members/Patrons can call to reserve passes or sign-up remotely with their library card.

We could not operate without our dedicated volunteers who cheerfully and faithfully help us in countless ways to keep the library running smoothly. We also work with volunteers who have school and diversion program community service requirements. We also received some very generous donations from patrons which helped us add timely and important items to our collection.

In 2007 we started using DreamWeaver to author our website at www.hwlibrary.org. We continue to list our programs and events on our website. Patrons can order library materials from home and access many databases using their library cards. Besides the statewide and consortium databases, we offer our Hamilton-Wenham citizens access to Ancestry.com Library edition and the ABC-Clio Geography Database. We also offer the full Britannica.com which can be used remotely day and night. Ancestry.com offers HeritageQuest which can be accessed from home using one's library card barcode, and the geography database which can be accessed remotely with the user name and password of *hwplpatron*.

The library staff and trustees work hard to constantly improve collections and services. We greatly appreciate the citizens of Hamilton and Wenham; they are tremendously supportive and value education, learning, and reading. We look forward to another great year in 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Dempsey, Library Director

HAMILTON-WENHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Director Jan Dempsey brings great energy, experience, and efficiency to the operation of the library. The Trustees unanimously commend her for all of her excellent and successful efforts. Despite many staff changes during 2007, the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library continues to experience success and growth. Citizens from Hamilton, Wenham, and many other communities enjoy the library and its many resources. This past year the circulation figures for the library saw constant increases. The library is busy all day and evening, and the public meeting rooms are in constant demand. Despite being stretched to the limit and the many staff changes, the library staff continues to perform at a high level of professionalism and competence. The Trustees acknowledge their outstanding public service. The Trustees continue to work for salaries that are more equitable for all of their employees. The Trustees unanimously created the Policy on Professional Education Incentive for Library Staff, which is for continuing education costs for staff members who wish to pursue a degree in library science. Expenses are covered with interest from the Katherine Duffy Trust Fund.

The State funding and our two Town's tax dollars, which fund the operation of our library, do not cover all of the expenses, and certainly not the extras, which include special programs and speakers, staff development, and even some basic costs such as supplies and equipment. In 2007, the Trustees and Director raised $5803.00 by requesting charitable giving. The State also contributed some matching funds as an incentive to local efforts. The Staff and the Trustees continue to take advantage of available grants and state aid to fund programs: The $7500 Grant "On the Same Page" helped fund Hamilton and Wenham's first Community Read and we were pleased to have Tracy Kidder, author of Mountains Beyond Mountains come and talk about his book. An LSTA grant "Serving Tweens and Teens" will supplement staffing, library materials, and services for the teens of our community for a two-year period. The Teen Think Tank created a plan to improve the Young Adult Space with painting. State Aid Funds will fund a Shelving Proposal.

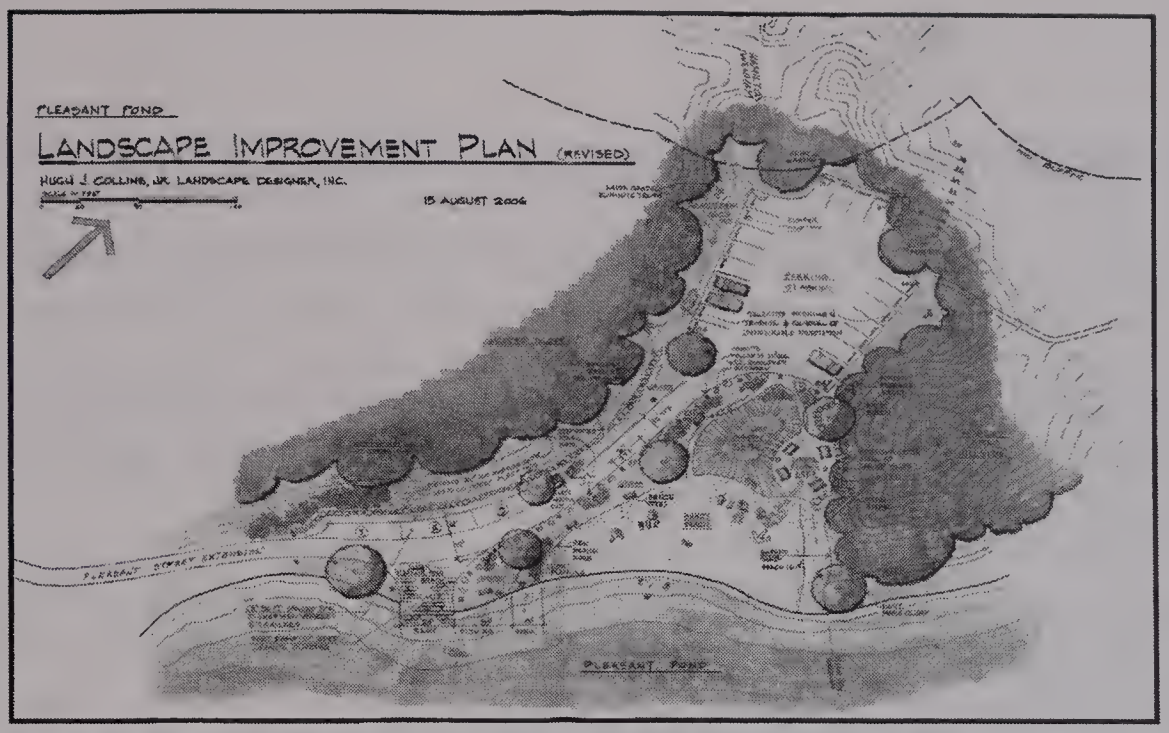
Memorial Gifts were received in memory of Esther Noren, John Richards, Eileen White, Eileen Suppess, and Kay Duryea. A bequest was received from the estate of Susan D. Little. Many generous patrons also donated funds to the library. David Dearborn donated a Historical (1910) map of Hamilton and Wenham. The map and a preconstruction photograph of the library site, which have been professionally framed, are hanging outside the Local History Room on the second floor of the library.

In Memoriam *Frederick C. Batchelder,* former Trustee of the Wenham Public Library for many years, passed away on March 14, 2007 at the age of 95.

The Friends of the Library continue to be of great financial support to the library and its mission. They fund countless programs, purchase equipment and furniture, and pay for the extensive collection of museum passes.

The library's website at www.hwlibrary.org continues to be a very useful resource, providing information about programs, giving access to databases, and enabling citizens to order books online as well as from their home. A number of local talented artists show their work throughout year and we thank them for their generosity of sharing their work with the community. The trustees appreciate the support of the community and encourage everyone to enjoy the library and its many resources and programs.

Doris Gallant, Secretary
Wendy Waller Daynes, Chair
Annette Janes
Elizabeth Stanton
Madelyn Liberti
Joanne Ridinger



Master Plan implementation undertaken by Infiniti Construction & Windover Development, through contributed labor and materials. Hamilton and Wenham Community Preservation Funds were also used in the completion of this project.

Stone walls installed throughout the Pleasant Pond Recreation Area.

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

Created in 1963, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) promotes inter-local cooperation and advocates for smart growth by working closely with cities and towns, state and federal agencies, non-profit institutions, and community-based organizations in the 101 cities and towns of Metropolitan Boston. MAPC strives to provide leadership on emerging issues of regional significance by conducting research, building coalitions, and acting as a regional forum for action.

MAPC provides technical assistance and specialized services in land use planning, water resources management, transportation, housing, environmental protection, economic development, public safety, geographic information systems (GIS), collective purchasing, data analysis and research, legislative and regulatory policy, and the facilitation and support of inter-local partnerships. More information is available at www.mapc.org.

MAPC is governed by 101 municipal government appointees, 21 gubernatorial appointees, and 13 appointees of state and City of Boston agencies. An Executive Committee comprising 25 elected members oversees agency operations. The agency employs approximately 40 professional staff under the leadership of an executive director. Funding for MAPC activities is derived from governmental contracts and foundation grants, and a per-capita assessment on member municipalities.

To better serve the people who live and work in Metro Boston, MAPC has divided the region into eight subregions. Each subregion is overseen by a council of local leaders and stakeholders, and a staff coordinator provides organizational and technical staff support.

Advancing Smart Growth

MAPC's **MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region** initiative is planning for Metro Boston's growth and development through 2030. In 2007, the project involved nearly **1,000 people** (on top of the 4,000 who participated in previous years). MAPC presented the MetroFuture plan at a
May 1 Boston College Citizen Seminar, where participants overwhelmingly voted to ratify it and work for its implementation. MAPC is now developing an implementation strategy, addressing public policy, public funding priorities, and changes in practice within the private sector. By mid-2008, MetroFuture will transition from a planning initiative to an advocacy program, uniting the efforts of MAPC, partner organizations, and the thousands of "plan-builders" in an effort to alter regional priorities and growth patterns consistent with the new plan.

As a member of the **Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance**, MAPC helped form the Transportation Investment Coalition. This group of business, environmental, public interest, and planning organizations is pressing for savings, efficiencies, and new revenues to address the state transportation finance deficit. The Alliance joined with others to advocate successfully for an increase in the Commonwealth's Bond Cap,

increasing the resources available to address the state's capital needs. Through the Alliance, MAPC is also working to reform the state's arcane zoning laws through a new and diverse commission, chaired by Undersecretary for Economic Development Gregory Bialecki.

MAPC provides planning assistance and expertise to communities on a wide range of issues, helping them envision the future and evaluate alternatives within a smart-growth framework. Residents of Malden are taking a long-range look at their city through the **Malden Vision Project**, which kicked off last year with a city-wide visioning workshop attended by 250 participants. MAPC helped the town of Arlington deal with **housing and economic development** issues with a visioning workshop and resident survey, and helped develop new bylaws and other strategies. MAPC also assisted Walpole and Norfolk in developing and analyzing **alternative growth scenarios** along a shared stretch of Route 1A.

Working with the 495/MetroWest Corridor Partnership, MAPC produced a **WaterSmart Indicators report** that details trends in water supply, wastewater, and stormwater for each city and town in the study area. MAPC also completed **water resource strategies** for three towns in the Assabet Watershed to evaluate the environmental impacts of alternative growth patterns, relying in part on hydrologic modeling conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Collaboration for Excellence in Local Government

Through its **Metro Mayors Coalition**, MAPC helped 21 communities secure over $2 million in **Shannon Grant funding** over the past two years to implement multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary strategies to combat youth violence, gang violence, and substance abuse. In 2007, Gov. Deval Patrick and more than 240 mayors, police chiefs, safety officials and violence prevention workers participated in the coalition's third annual Community Safety Summit to advance strategies to curb youth violence. Through its newly created North Shore Coalition, MAPC is facilitating discussions to develop a regional, comprehensive mutual aid system.

Cities and towns now have the option of joining the Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission (GIC) with a new law drafted by MAPC and the **Municipal Health Insurance Working Group**. This option will help communities save millions of dollars each year by taking advantage of lower insurance rates available through the GIC. MAPC facilitated the Working Group and helped to build consensus for the proposal. We are now providing technical support to cities, towns, and regional entities who are interested in joining the GIC.

MAPC has convened Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford and Somerville to develop a shared strategy for the **Mystic River corridor**. The river, which runs through

dense urban communities, has long been an underutilized asset. The communities will develop a comprehensive picture of activities along the river and will seek to build a shared strategy for future development and use of the waterway.

MAPC collaborated with the Commonwealth's 12 other regional planning agencies, municipal officials and other local leaders to help produce **"A Best Practices Model for Streamlined Local Permitting."** The result of dozens of focus groups and a statewide permitting survey, the document provides an array of recommendations that municipalities can consider to create a more clear, efficient and predictable permitting process without compromising local standards of development review. The guide is available at www.mass.gov/mpro.

Collaboration for Public Safety

MAPC performs fiduciary, planning, and project management duties for the **Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council** (NERAC), a network of 85 cities and towns north and west of Boston. In 2007, MAPC helped to develop the School Threat Assessment Response System (STARS), an emergency planning toolkit for each school district in the region. With the assistance of MAPC, NERAC provided portable radios programmed for the Boston Area Police Emergency Radio Network, enabling real-time radio communications among police, fire, and other first responders during major emergencies. In the past year, NERAC established an online information clearinghouse for police and fire departments, and began planning for emergency evacuations from a regional perspective. MAPC also helped NERAC to set up three regional crime mapping centers that use GIS to visualize crime data through maps.

MAPC completed **Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) plans** for nine communities in 2007, on top of the 20 completed in recent years. Each plan includes an inventory of critical facilities and infrastructure, a vulnerability analysis, and a mitigation strategy with recommended actions. MAPC will continue working with 46 cities and towns in 2008.

Collaboration for Municipal Savings

MAPC's **Regional Purchasing Consortia** administered six procurements for 42 cities and towns, saving communities up to 20% on purchases such as office supplies, paving services, and road maintenance. Similar savings were realized by the 300 agencies that participate in the **Greater Boston Police Council (GBPC)**, which is administered by MAPC. In fiscal year 2007, MAPC conducted seven procurements for various types of vehicles, including police cruisers and heavy-duty trucks. Overall, 187 municipalities purchased 329 vehicles at an estimated cost of over $20 million.

Reliable Data, Available to All

Since its official launch in February, MAPC's **MetroBoston Data Common** online data and mapping tool has been used by dozens of constituents to create customized maps for developing grant applications, analyzing development proposals, or improving services. You can create maps, charts, and graphs on the Data Common by accessing www.metrobostondatacommon.org. In addition to supporting this online tool, the Metro Data Center at MAPC responds to **data requests** from member communities, non-profit organizations, businesses, residents, students and other state agencies.

In the past year, MAPC used **visualization tools** that combine GIS technology, photography and graphic design to help increase community awareness about proposed zoning bylaws in Bellingham and Dedham, and to illustrate what different parts of the region would look like under **MetroFuture**.

Charting a Course to Regional Prosperity

MAPC developed its annual **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy** (CEDS) for the region, in partnership with the US Economic Development Administration. The report contains an analysis of trends and conditions in the regional economy, highlighting challenges and opportunities. The economic analysis in the CEDS is targeted to front-line economic
development staff working in the public and community-based sectors.

Working for 12 contiguous urban communities in the Metro Mayors Coalition, MAPC is developing an **inventory of potential development** sites near municipal boundaries to support coordinated planning. MAPC also developed the **Smart Workplace Project**, a GIS map of smart-growth friendly sites for commercial and industrial development throughout the region. In collaboration with the University of Massachusetts Boston, MAPC is taking a regional look at the **space needs of the life sciences industry**.

Working with the Immigrant Learning Center and the Commonwealth Corporation, MAPC convened academic, institutional and non-profit researchers to develop an **immigration research agenda**.

Getting Around the Region

MAPC produced a **Regional Bicycle Plan**, assessing current conditions and identifying the improvements necessary to create a more comprehensive regional bicycle transportation system. The plan establishes updated goals based on previous plans, and identifies key strategies and priority projects.

Under its new **Regional Bike Parking Program**, MAPC negotiated discount group purchasing contracts with three leading vendors of bicycle parking equipment. This allows MAPC municipalities and other public entities to purchase discounted equipment and, in some cases, to receive state or federal reimbursement for the cost. Communities

around the region have used the program to put new racks at schools, libraries, parks, and shopping areas. The program will continue in 2008.

In 2007 MAPC also began work on the **Regional Pedestrian Plan**. This plan will identify policies to make walking a convenient, safe, and practical form of transportation throughout the region. Proposed solutions will include best practices for local jurisdictions as well as steps that could be taken by the state or by the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

MAPC has developed a web-based **Parking Toolkit** that addresses common parking issues. Cities and towns can learn how to do a parking study, how to reduce parking demand and manage supply, how to make use of existing parking, and how to finance parking improvements. The Parking Toolkit is the first in a series of Sustainable Transportation Toolkit products that MAPC will develop over the coming years. Visit http://transtoolkit.mapc.org to access these tools.

Large portions of Massachusetts Avenue and Route 2A from Arlington to Concord are now a **Massachusetts Scenic Byway**, due to the efforts of MAPC, the Minuteman National Historic Park, and the towns of Arlington, Lexington, Lincoln, and Concord. MAPC is now preparing a Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan, the first step in protecting the historic, scenic, and
cultural qualities of the byway.

In 2007, MAPC worked with developers and communities to evaluate the transportation impacts of dozens of projects, including the South Weymouth Naval Air Station redevelopment (SouthField), Westwood Station, and Harvard University's new Allston campus.

On Beacon Hill

- **Municipal Health Insurance:**
  MAPC and the Municipal Health Insurance Working Group built consensus and drafted the new law allowing cities and towns to save millions of dollars each year by joining the Group Insurance Commission.

- **Shannon Community Safety Initiative:**
  Over the last two years, MAPC's advocacy and grant development services have helped nearly two dozen communities to secure over $2 million in funding for interdisciplinary programs that focus on youth violence, drugs, and enforcement against gangs.

- **Statewide Population Estimates Program:**
  A $600,000 line item in the 2008 budget will provide the State Estimates Program with more resources to prepare for the 2010 Census. This program will help

correct the deficiencies of recent population estimates and to prevent similar deficiencies from occurring in 2010.

- **Surplus Land:**
  MAPC continues to advocate for passage of a new policy on the disposition of surplus state land. Specifically, we continue to build support for our proposal that encourages smart growth development on surplus land while giving municipalities a meaningful role throughout the disposition process.

- **Community Preservation Act:**
  In 2007, the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition and Community Preservation Coalition reached consensus around legislation to help more communities participate in the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The legislation, filed by Senator Cynthia Creem (D-Newton), would also secure adequate funding over the long term for the state's CPA matching fund.

- **Zoning Reform:**
  The new zoning reform commission, initiated by the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance and chaired by Undersecretary for Economic Development Greg Bialecki, is now working to draft legislation dealing with such matters as "approval not required," grandfathering, consistency between master plans and zoning, and incentives to expand housing production.

North Shore Task Force

(Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Hamilton, Gloucester, Ipswich, Manchester by the Sea, Marblehead, Middleton, Nahant, Peabody, Rockport, Salem, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wenham)

During 2007, the North Shore Task Force took part in a variety of activities, including:

- Reviewed and offered input into a variety of regional transportation programs, including the Transportation Improvement Program, the Unified Planning and Work Program and the Regional Transportation Plan, as well as opportunities to participate in Transportation Demand Management and Suburban Mobility programs.

- Learned how to use visualization and community outreach techniques to build support for mixed-use projects and zoning bylaws.

- Continued to enthusiastically engage with and serve as a key sounding board for the MetroFuture Regional Planning process, hosting a widely attended MetroFuture Forum in December of 2006 and continuing its support throughout 2007.

- Received training from MAPC staff in how to use MetroBoston Data Common, an online tool providing data about the region and each of its cities and towns. It is a

resource for all those wishing to better understand how the region and its communities are changing, and helps residents, planners, city and town officials, educators, and journalists explore options and make informed decisions.

- Heard a presentation from the MA Renewable Energy Trust on progress in expanding renewable energy uses in the state and how communities can start to use renewable energy, and offered ideas on how alternative energy and conservation can play a key role in the MetroFuture Plan.

- Collaborated with Tufts Urban and Environmental Policy graduate students to present an in-depth study of how the Town of Ipswich could use Chapter 40R to help diversify the town's housing supply and provide an alternative to the 40B housing process.

- Used some of the latest work done by MAPC to see how communities can incorporate Low Impact Development principles -- including meeting EPA Phase II stormwater requirements with new bylaws -- through a combination of regulation, evaluation of existing development practices and stakeholder collaboration.

- Continued to offer downtown development and revitalization strategies as the Department of Housing and Community Development offered examples of and made a presentation on how to establish successful Business Improvement Districts (BIDs).

- Reviewed ongoing municipal issues using Community Exchange at each meeting.

- Developed a 2008 Topics Agenda that will continue the Task Force's effort to attract a large and diverse audience to its meetings by offering meetings focusing on:
  - Alternatives to Traditional Zoning
  - MetroFuture Implementation Strategies
  - Downtown Revitalization Strategies
  - Sustainable Municipal Energy Policy
  - Joint Legislative Meeting with North Shore Mayor's Coalition
  - Update on North Shore Open Space Protection: Impact of Community Preservation Act and Local Land Trusts
  - Case Studies of Successful Local Government Policy: What Works and Why
  - Case Studies on Successful Intra-Regional Agreements
  - Smart Growth and Preservation of Neighborhood Character.

The MAPC Annual Report is respectfully submitted by Marc D. Draisen, Executive Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

ANNUAL REPORT

HAMILTON-WENHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

TOWN REPORT 2007

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HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

Dr. Marinel D. McGrath, Superintendent of Schools

I am pleased to present 2006-2007 Annual Report for the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District. As you read the school reports, you will note that the strength of our school district is in the quality of our students, our faculty, our support staff, our school leadership, and our two communities.

During the 2006-2007 school year, the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District (HWRSD) had an enrollment totaling 2121 students with 895 in the elementary grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade five, 507 in the middle school grades six through eight, and 719 in the high school grades nine through twelve. The school district goal is to provide an engaging and comprehensive curriculum that challenges all students and raises their achievement level. Our students must meet not only our own local learning standards, but also the learning standards of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and those of colleges across the country.

To realize the HWRSD goal, teams of teachers and principals provide an academic program for higher student achievement by embedding all state framework requirements within a strong District curriculum. Through state and federal grants and the generosity of the Hamilton and Wenham Education Fund, teachers availed themselves of quality staff development programs to ensure successful implementation of programs. Through the dedication, commitment, and caring of our teachers and support staff, Hamilton and Wenham students were recognized for their achievements in the academics, arts, athletics, and activities during the 2006-2007 school year. Our elementary students participated in artists in residence programs, our middle school College Bowl students scored first place in a statewide competition and our middle school math team earned first place in Essex County for their participation in the New England Mathematics League. Middle School students were also recognized for their achievements in band competitions and the *Boston Globe* Art Awards. Our high school students received awards at the local and state level in history and science, the New England Drama Festival, *Boston Globe* Key Art Awards, District Band and Chorus, and Massachusetts All-State Band. One of our students, Mihika Pradhan, was named top prize winner and Massachusetts State Representative to the International Science Fair held in New Mexico. There, she won first place in her division. Hamilton-Wenham fielded the Cape Ann League and Division Champions in boys' and girls' cross country while the girls' lacrosse team was the Division II Cape Ann League Co-Champion. The golf, volleyball, girls' soccer, boys' ice hockey, gymnastics, boys' lacrosse, and boys' and girls' tennis teams all advanced to post-season tournament play.

The May 2006 MCAS scores reveal that Hamilton-Wenham students continue to score above the state average in all four subject areas tested *(see Director of Curriculum's report for detail).* Every member of the Class of 2007 has passed both the English and math sections of the MCAS which enabled all of them to graduate in June. In the area of college admission test scores, 91 % of HW Regional High School students took the SAT I with an average score of 1691 (Critical Reading – 565; Math – 561; Writing – 565). 126 students took 162 Advanced Placement examinations in Calculus AB, English Literature, European History, French, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, and U.S. History, and achieved an average score of 3.5 out of 5.0. The Class

of 2007 had seven students recognized as National Merit Scholars; six students received letters of commendation and one student was named a semi-finalist.

The H-W Regional School District continued its collaboration with the Towns of Hamilton and Wenham through the Towns/School Budget Process Committee (T/S BPC). I believe that the successful passage of the FY 08 school budget for $24,625,610, which included a Proposition 2 ½ Override for $494,938, was due to the commitment made by the towns and the school district to develop our budgets with more collaboration that produced a consensus-driven result. Even with this level of commitment from the towns, the School District could not maintain "level services" for FY 08. The FY 08 budget represented a "reduced services" budget of $24,625,610 which was offset by state revenues totaling $3,370,393 dollars. As many know, the Chapter 70 state funding was decreased for the 8th consecutive year. In FY 01, the District received 19% of its budget from Chapter 70; in FY 08 the District received only 13% of its funding from Chapter 70 state aid. The School Committee continues to work hard with our legislators to change this formula to relieve the burden of the taxpayers.

Specifically, the FY 08 override funds provided three elementary teachers to avoid redistricting, one full time integrated arts teacher which maintained the FY 07 class size in art, music, physical education, technology education, life skills & Spanish, and three high school teachers which enabled the high school to retain twenty academic sections ensuring that the majority of students are fully scheduled.

The FY 08 budget did not maintain funding for athletic and extracurricular fees; the District will implement a 100% user fee policy in September 2007. Given that the District lost 10.5 teaching and support positions in the FY 08 budget, citizen support in the two communities for our school district's situation grew amongst concerned citizens. Sarah Gaylord, Amy Landon, and Nancy Peterson spearheaded a community fundraising group, Support Our Schools (SOS). In four short weeks the SOS group raised $257,452 in private funding for the schools. The positions the District restored with the private funds included: two elementary teachers and teaching assistants and an eighth grade social studies teacher. Additionally, there were earmarked funds for the high school science department and Winthrop School. The balance of the funds was allocated to procuring much needed technology for high school classroom learning. These positions are funded for the 2007-2008 school year only; they are not included in the current FY 08 operating budget. The losses we suffered as a District seriously impacted the educational programs for our students.

Additionally, the FY 08 budget, even with the school override, did not contain any funding to address our strategic plan. The Strategic Plan was developed by community and school members based upon input from nearly 300 community and school people who participated in the various focus groups. The central purpose of the Strategic Plan is to restore, rebuild, and advance the curricular programs, services, and operations that are essential for our students today. If we had followed our strategic plan, we would have restored 10 positions in the academics and the arts totaling nearly $500,000. The strategic plan is not excessive; it is what our students need.

While this budget balanced the education needs of students with economic realities, the FY 08 budget, once again, did not have the full support of our constituents. We had many constituents

who believed the budget should have been higher so we could maintain a greater number of our academic programs. We also had just as many constituents who believed the budget should have been lower so as to ease the tax burden. We believed this budget was a fair, middle-of-the-road budget that had compromises on all sides.

At the June 6, 2007 School Committee meeting, the District bid farewell to three teachers and two principals at the fifth annual "We Honor You" reception. Honored retirees included: Ruth Herrick (34 years), Mary Mendonca (20 years), Steve Ottaviani (6 years), Martha Cesarz (13 years) Winthrop School Principal, and Jan DeSantis (22 years) Miles River Middle School Principal.

No report of this kind would be complete without taking the opportunity to thank the many people who supported our schools this past year. On behalf of the students, faculty, administration, and School Committee, I thank the Friends of Pre-School, Buker, Cutler, Winthrop, Miles River, and High Schools, Special Education Parent Advisory Board, HW Education Fund, HW Rotary Club, HWRHS Sports and Activities Alliance, Support our Schools, Pro Musica II, and the many generous parents and community members who contributed time and money to support our schools.

I am also grateful to our faculty, staff, principals, assistant principals, and the District Leadership Team for their devotion to the children and youth of Hamilton and Wenham. Finally, we are most appreciative to the townspeople of Hamilton and Wenham and the Hamilton and Wenham Boards of Selectmen and Finance Committees who have seen us through difficult times and who continue to support our efforts to make the Hamilton-Wenham Schools the very best they can be. The FY 08 Budget Process personified the values of cooperation and collaboration that embody our communities. As your Superintendent, I thank each and every community member for their support of our students.

In closing, our initiatives continue to advance the coherence and quality of our educational program. There are many goals yet to be realized which are dependent upon high levels of budget funding. Our professional staff must have the resources if we are to continue to be competitive with similar school districts in developing, providing, and maintaining a high quality educational program for our students in the Hamilton-Wenham Regional Schools.

Department of Student Services
Allison Brown Collins, Director

The Student Services Department of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District provides a wide range of programs for students with disabilities, ages 3 to 22. During the 2006-2007 school year, 342 students in the District (15.6% of the general school population) were identified as needing Special Education services. Special Education is a required program for all school districts under both federal law (Individuals with Disabilities Act – IDEA) and state law (Chapter 766). Eligibility for Special Education services is based upon the presence of a diagnosed disability, the inability to make effective progress in the general curriculum due to the disability, and the need for specially designed instruction or related services. A team of teachers, parents, and other professionals collaborates in making eligibility determinations for each student. Evaluation Teams, composed of trained professionals including school psychologists, special education teachers, speech and language pathologists, occupational and physical therapists, and other specialists utilize a full battery of diagnostic instruments to assess the individual needs of the students.

The Integrated Preschool serves students from ages 3 to 5. Teachers, teaching assistants, monitors, and therapists work collaboratively to deliver services via an integrated model. In this setting, preschoolers learn and play together with their non-disabled peers. As students with disabilities reach school age, this inclusive and integrated model continues with most Special Education students receiving services within the general education classroom. Professional special educators, trained paraprofessionals, and therapists support our classroom teachers in meeting the needs of students with learning disabilities, health and sensory disabilities, communication disorders, neurological impairments, cognitive deficits, and emotional and behavioral difficulties. The Academic Opportunities and ASPIRE programs serve our most disabled students and include academics and life skill instruction both in the school and in the community. A Language Based Program at the middle school provides specialized instruction and curricula for students with language based learning issues. At the high school level, the STAY program offers a therapeutic educational setting for students at-risk of school failure due to emotional, learning, and behavioral issues.

The Special Education Department is evaluated annually on a three-year rotation between elementary, middle school, and high school programs. These evaluations are required by law of all public schools as a means of ensuring quality programs for students with disabilities. In addition, the Department of Education conducts a full Coordinated Program Review every six years, with a mid-cycle review during one of the years in between. The Coordinated Program Review for Hamilton-Wenham was conducted during October 2006 and included a review of numerous student records, tours of each building and special education facilities, parent surveys and interviews, and staff and administrative interviews.

The Department is proud of its record of service within the District and recognizes that the high quality teaching practices of classroom teachers and the strong District Curriculum have established the climate of educational excellence that allows students with disabilities to succeed. The support of the School Committee, the Superintendent, School Administrators, families and townspeople has been essential in meeting the needs of all learners in the District.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Maryellen Duffy, Director

The Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Hamilton- Wenham Regional School District continues to work with the Leadership Team and the staff to focus the district's curriculum and professional development work around the district's goals and strategic plan.

Currently, curriculum and instruction task forces are established in all content areas and Technology. The task force committees continue to work on refining curriculum guides, developing curriculum maps, and establishing benchmark assessments. The Curriculum and Professional Development Committee continues to oversee the task force committees, plan the curriculum articulation days, and related professional development.

The Curriculum Office and the Technology Committee oversee the implementation of the five year technology plan, a framework for defining a direction for educators, determining needs in our schools, and outlining goals for our students in the area of technology. A revised Acceptable Use Policy was developed by the Technology Committee and adopted by the school committee in 2006.

The Curriculum Office supervises the programming for our 13 English Language Learner students and the 61 students who qualify for Section 504 Individual Accommodation Plans. The Curriculum Office is also responsible for reviewing and approving Home Education Plans for 27 students from 15 families residing in Hamilton and Wenham.

Fortunately, state and federal grants have allowed us to continue offering quality professional development to our teachers. The grant funded staff development opportunities have included technology integration, the Responsive Classroom, Universal Design for Learning, Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies, and the Collaborative Project for Mathematics, Science, and Interdisciplinary Education. The Beginning Teacher Orientation, Induction and Mentoring Program, and the curriculum coach positions have also been funded through grants. In addition, staff members are involved in 51 special project professional development opportunities during the early-release Wednesday time period.

During 2006-2007 the HWRSD was awarded 8 state grants, 2 federal competitive grants, and 4 private competitive grants totaling $318,244. The grants were targeted for MCAS remediation, professional development, curriculum support and development, physical and health education, mental health services, and prevention programs. Staff also participated in grant-supported professional development programs for science, mathematics, engineering, and technology in collaboration with Salem State College and the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

MCAS scores reveal that Hamilton-Wenham student scores are above the state average in all five subject areas tested: reading, English/language arts, mathematics, science/engineering, and technology. Our school district is doing particularly well in the areas of reading (96% passing at grade 3), English (average of 98% passing at grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10), mathematics (average 95% passing at grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10) and science (97% passing at grades 5 and 8).

The HWRSD recognizes that student achievement, curriculum, and professional development are interrelated and will continue to pursue and secure opportunities to support these connections.

Bessie Buker Elementary School
Brian F. O'Donoghue, Principal

The Buker School had an enrollment of 228 students in grades K-5 during the 2006-2007 school year. It was a busy and productive year for our students and the entire school community.

The year marked the departure of the integrated preschool classroom from the Buker School. The addition of our full day kindergarten program required classroom space that impacted our library and student services classroom in the previous year. The demand for adequate space for our library and student services needs prompted the decision to house the integrated preschool program at the Winthrop School. As a result, both the Buker library and student services classroom were restored this year and the services necessary for the integrated preschool were efficiently scheduled in one location.

In an effort to increase instructional time for students in our part-time kindergarten program, the decision was made to change the existing 2 ½ day model to a 5 half-day program at each of the elementary schools. This change was well received by the community and we look forward to its implementation during the 2007-2008 school year.

The 2006-2007 school year resulted in few staff changes. Tim Buckley joined the Buker staff as the integrated media specialist and Erinn Gilmore joined our student services team as a part-time special education teacher.

Raising student achievement in writing was the focus of our professional development program. Elementary teachers across the district met during the year to review student work and discuss what constitutes high quality writing. Within the school, we identified the need to support our students with their written responses to reading prompts. We will continue to work on improving student writing during the 2007-2008 school year.

In an effort to strengthen the home to school connection, Buker teachers Gail Lamothe, Patti Miller, Nichole Miller, Laurie Mohan, and Kathy O'Shea developed and presented a Family Literacy Night that provided valuable information about how to support literacy development at home.

The Friends of Buker continued to provide cultural and academic opportunities for our students. They funded three authors to work with students on writing. The *Dancers Courageous* program and the *Tanglewood Marionettes* returned to support the developing creativity in our students. Through generous funding, the Friends and the Hamilton Wenham Edfund supported the purchase of two Smartboards for our classrooms.

Cutler Elementary School

Jennifer E. Clifford, Principal

There were 323 students enrolled in grades K-5 at Cutler School in 2006-07. This number included seventeen classes. It was an invigorating and productive year for our school community. The dedicated staff, families, and students of Cutler supported Principal Jennifer Clifford during her first year.

New faculty members included the appointment of former third grade teacher Pam Larchez to the position of integrated-media specialist. The new integrated library and technology program was a significant focus this year in the building. Both the library and technology lab were transformed into inviting and up-to-date learning spaces for students of all ages. Other staff changes included the appointment of Caitlin Bird as our new PM Kindergarten teacher, Nancy Duffy as our new third grade teacher, Melissa Graham as our new fifth grade teacher, and Erinn Gilmore as a new part-time special education liaison.

Professional development initiatives in 2007 included the continuation of a literacy focus. Elementary teachers met throughout the year to review student work and to develop shared expectations. Elementary curriculum committees also convened monthly to further the outlining of grade level benchmarks in language arts, math, and social studies.

A Cutler School Technology Team was established to ensure alignment with the District's Five Year Technology Plan. Representatives established the needs of the building, while drafting goals and priorities for future technology use at every grade level. This team provided leadership and shared decision making as we explored the current use of technology in the building.

The Cutler School Council conducted a needs-assessment this year, identifying the need for more efficient communication between home and school. The Council has drafted a goal to address this deficit, and will present the School Improvement Plan to the School Committee in the fall of 2007.

The Friends of Cutler continued to provide extensive support to our school. The Friends purchased twelve new computers and a Smartboard, and made safety updates to repair existing playground structures. We continue to benefit from community-building events coordinated by the Friends. Cutler School also benefited from the generosity of the Hamilton-Wenham Education Fund, which will bring differentiated instruction resources to each elementary school next year.

Thank you for your continued support of Cutler School and our children.

Winthrop Elementary School
Martha D. Cesarz, Principal

There were 344 children enrolled at the Winthrop School during the 2006-2007 school year. We continue to meet the needs of all children by creating specialized instructional programs at the Winthrop School. During the 2006-2007 school year, we implemented a new program for special needs primary grade students.

In the spring Winthrop students visited the Peabody-Essex Museum to view the Joseph Cornell exhibit. After learning about his unusual art form of collage and box art, students created their own "reflection boxes" which were on display for the public. Students collected objects that represented something learned or experienced in school and displayed them in various size boxes. Not only did the children love presenting their boxes but they truly enjoyed seeing what everyone remembered about the school year. The children were particularly eager to see the teacher-made boxes and learn about their interests, hobbies, and memories. Students will remember the artist, Joseph Cornell, but even more, they will remember what they learned this year at school.

The outdoor learning and play area, *River Run*, has become a favorite spot for students and teachers. Chris Woodin, a Winthrop parent and well-known math instructional expert, presented a workshop for teachers in which he explained teaching math in an outside environment. Parents volunteered to provide extra supervision at recess times so children could explore the human-size bird nest, the tree house, the vegetable and flower gardens, as well as the newly installed sundial. The Winthop School community thanks Ms. Susan Tomases who tirelessly worked on River Run until its completion. We also thank the many community volunteers and businesses who donated time and materials to make *River Run* a reality.

During the summer, as materials and supplies arrived, several maintenance projects were completed. In the ongoing effort to replace old carpeting throughout the building, we replaced another classroom carpet with tile flooring. We also replaced the carpet in the library that had become a safety problem because of torn and worn spots. The final stage of the fire alarm system replacement was completed.

Families greeted the new principal of Winthrop School in August 2007. Ms. Carrie Vaich succeeded Mrs. Martha Cesarz, who retired in July. Prior to her appointment as Principal, Ms. Vaich was the assistant principal at the Round Elementary School in Newbury, MA. During the spring and summer, Ms. Vaich spent many hours with Mrs. Cesarz learning about the school and communities of Hamilton and Wenham. Ms. Vaich worked closely with staff, parents, and guardians, to learn the many school traditions and maintain the high standards for academics and behavior at the Winthrop School.

Miles River Middle School
Janice C. DeSantis, Principal

The 2006–2007 school year was very positive and stable for the Miles River Middle School. There were 507 students enrolled at the middle school which was similar to the previous school year. Although our dearly loved art teacher, Charles Allen, retired, we were able to retain our teaching staff for the second consecutive year.

Ruth Herrick, Grade 6 Math teacher, Mary Mendonca, Grade 6, and Steve Ottaviani, Grade 8 Algebra teacher, all dedicated middle school educators, retired in June 2007. Each of them provided our students with rich and meaningful learning experiences and were respected by their colleagues for their contributions to children and to the District.

There were two major technology improvements made to the middle school thanks to the Friends of Miles River and the Hamilton-Wenham Ed Fund. The Friends provided Miles River with twenty-four new computers and four Smart Boards. The Ed Fund also provided grant funds for two additional Smart Boards. These improvements significantly enhanced the instructional practices and resources for both teachers and students. Technology needs will continue for the middle school since they are the essential tools for learning and communication for today's students.

Curriculum development and implementation continued. As part of our multi-year Social Studies plan, our popular Civics course was reinstated at the eighth grade level. The English Language Arts program continued its implementation of the "Six Traits" writing program to support the writing process program. Many students in grades 6-8 participated in an extended day mathematics independent inquiry program. Our Science teachers began a curriculum review process to align instruction with the Massachusetts Frameworks.

Our students performed well in many ways. For 2006-2007, our students met the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards set by No Child Left Behind for all student subgroups. The New England Math League ranked our students in first place in Essex County. In the fall competition, our College Bowl team ranked first in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and fifty-eighth in the world.

Families greeted the new principal of Miles River Middle School in July 2007. Mr. Matthew J. Fox succeeded Ms. Jan DeSantis, who retired in June after serving as principal for 18 years. Prior to his appointment as Principal, Mr. Fox was the principal of Georgetown's Penn Brook Elementary School and assistant principal at the Georgetown Middle/High School. During the spring and summer, Mr. Fox spent time with Ms. DeSantis and Dr. Reynolds learning about the school and communities of Hamilton and Wenham, the many school traditions and the school's commitment to high standards for academics and behavior.

The Miles River Middle School community thanks the citizens of Hamilton and Wenham, the Friends of Miles River, the Hamilton Wenham Ed Fund, Pro Musica, and the many volunteers for their continued support and commitment to provide our children with an excellent education.

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Robert M. Krol, Principal

I wish to thank the quality educators serving the families of Hamilton-Wenham. They provided our students with a rich and meaningful learning experience. Our faculty also dedicated themselves to the work of preparing for two site visits in the fall of 2006; one from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) followed by the Department of Education Coordinated Review.

Our students continue to excel in their daily academic endeavors, and in national and state testing. Our students' performance on the Scholastic Aptitude Testing, Advanced Placement, and MCAS are well above national and state averages. 84% of the graduating class continued their education at 4-year colleges, with an additional 8% continuing at two-year and post secondary schools. We are also proud of our students serving in the military and those starting their careers in the workforce.

Students continue to be active in co-curricular activities with well over 170 students taking part in the annual science and history fairs and representing the high school in state, regional, and national competitions. One of our students, Mihika Pradhan, was named top prize winner and Massachusetts State Representative to the International Science Fair held in New Mexico. There, she won first place in her division. Over 350 students were involved throughout the year in various clubs and activities.

Our art, music, and drama students continued to distinguish themselves. Several students won *Boston Globe* Key Awards, Drama Guild ensemble and individual awards at the One-Act Festival, and students were selected to District and All-State Band and Chorus.

Our athletic teams competed successfully in all three seasons highlighted by an exciting Thanksgiving Day football game played in front of a huge crowd. The track on our main athletic field has been officially dedicated to Mr. Steve Sawyer for his many years of dedicated coaching. The participation rates in athletics included 310 students in fall sports, 310 students in the spring, and 270 students in the winter season.

The support of our parent groups continues to be outstanding. The Friends of the High School, the various booster clubs, and the Sports and Activities Alliance enriched our students' lives.

MILES RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE EIGHT GRADUATES

Connor Adamik
Cailee Anastas
John Andre
Elizabeth Astulfi
Kyle Bache
Rebecca Balk
Paul Bateman
Christina Belezos
Nicole Benner
Samuel Berry
Michael Beyer
James Brao
Charles Brennick
Sophia Brockenbrough
Lillian Brotchie
Brendan Brown
Bridget Brown
Zachary Brown
Samantha Bucco
Hannah Buckler
Tristan Burke
Alton Bynum, III
Danielle Carp
Nicholas Celata
William Charette
Hannah Chmura
Benjamin Clemenzi
Robert Clough
Spencer Collins
Anders Corey
Chelsea Curran
Julia Curran
Robert Curran
Joseph Currie
Molly Curtis
Samantha Davekos
Julianne Davis
Stephen Decatur, III
Emma Dickey
Colton Dodge
Zack Dolan
Kelsey Domoracki
Katherine Donellan
Rachael Drougas
Joanna Durgin
Olivia Durgin
Nicholas Falasca
Connor Finley
Katherine Flores
Glorie Frackleton
Anne Frederiksen
Remy Frisch
Minot Frye, Jr.
Ryan Gallagher
Carey Gallant
Alexander Ganey
Cameron Gauthier
Michael Gianelli
Scott Goodrich
Logan Goodwin
Christine Grayton
William Gribbell
Ryan Hale
Cara Hamilton
Christopher Hamilton
Amelia Hammerl
Katharine Heffernan
Patrick Hendrickson
Avery Hennigar
Molly Herlihy
Matthew Herrick
Samantha Hill
Victoria Horton
Yin Ran (Jack) Huang
Mackenzie Johnson
Laurel Joly
Ashley Kang
Julie Karpp
Natalie Kassirer
Meghan Kausel
Claire Kawski
Jared Kefalas
Donald Keith, III
James Ketcham
Tayler Kimball
Jordan Kimkaran
Kevin King
Emily Klobucher
Nathan Ko
Richard Kong
Jessica Kotch
Daniel Kvistad
Marissa Lampe
Alison Lanois
Jonathan Lebel
Gregory Lidrbauch
Peter Liquori
Mimi Lounsbury
James Love
Conor Lyons
Jason Mackey
Antonio Maggiacomo
Carter Makin
Annalise Manning
Calvin Martel
Robert McLane
Hannah Millimet
Mark Millimet
Brendan Minot
Margaret Morley
Emma Needham
Hannah Newth
Brendan O'Donnell
Timothy O'Leary
Tyler Parady
Shayne Pavenski
Nicholas Peckham
Jackson Petri
Mark Petrou
Bai Hua (Tania) Piao
Molly Piper
Kendrick Poulin
John Prince
Amelia Reardon
Eleanore Rodgers
Joshua Rosenberg
Elizabeth Roth
Alix Rowen
Emma Sandler
Andrea Sargent
Jacob Shaktman
Heather Spearing
Claire Stehfest
Alma Tambone
Linsey Tambone
Ashley Thibeault
Daniel Trefrey
Sean Turpin
Kathleen Vanni
Juana Vargas
John Vivian
Dominick Vogus
Christopher von Staats
Megan Walsh
William Whalen, Jr.
Natalie White
Pendleton White
Courtney Wilson
Maya Wilson
Jun Hyung (Joshua) Wo
Elizabeth Woodbury
Christopher Young

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
2007 GRADUATES

Benjamin William Ahearn
Jennifer Ashley Andrake
Ryan Michael Anthony
Christina Grace Asadorian
Allison Nicole Ashley
Lyndsay Marie Atherton
Romeu Goncalves Azevedo
Matthew Baker Ball
Brittany Lee Barrett
Elizabeth Anne Barth
Sophie Leigh Bellenis
Jennifer Elizabeth Benner
Rason Roberto Benton
Brian Daniel Bishop
Alyssa Abigail Blanchette
Chauntel Lee Bongiorno
Matthew Joseph Bonventre
Amanda Reed Brown
Ryan James Buckley
Christie Regina Butler
Michelle Marie Bynum
John William Carey
Grainne Honora Carlin
Cristina Chinnin Rey
Russell Gustav Chisholm
Greg Allan Cohan
Nathaniel Jennings Conant
Ashley Megan Corbin
Samuel Walter Crossan
Meredith Anne Crown
Samantha Marie Curr
Joseph Vincent Curran
Andrew John Curran
Elliot Edgell Davis
Rachel Marion Day
Pamela Macy Decatur
Samuel Wilson DeHority
Rebecca Leah Der
Danielle Rose DeSantis
Taylor Michelle Doherty
Teagan Andrew Dolan
Kyley Lynn Dolan
Jessica Stowell Doonan
Michael James Drinkwater
Colleen Frances Driscoll
Lillian Rose Driscoll
Charles Mark Duval, Jr.
Domenico Umberto Eramo
Jamie Basset Erdman
Anna Ellen Tebbutt Evetts
Jessica June Figurido
Heather Ann Fontaine
Jennifer Patricia Galvin
Donald Patrick Ganey, Jr.
Andrew John Gansenberg
Gregg Pierce Gentleman
Emily Elizabeth Greeke
Jennifer Louise Gwynne
Caroline Ashley Ham
Emily Teresa Hanson
Olivia Anne Harkness
Michael Vincent Harris
Jesse Oliver Henderson
Suzanne Marie Henkels
Margot Rantoul Hinchey
Melissa Mae Hines
Alexander Louis Hoffman
Samuel Max Houston
Kevin Michael Howard
Meryl Ann Hulse
Alexander Arthur Ingemi
Arthur George Jackson
Colin Lowery Jermain
Abigail Katherine Johnson
Taylor Robert Jones
Kayla Mary Alice Jones
Kelsey Lucile Keith
Devin Daniel Keller
Grace Francesca Kerr
Samuel Beck Kielty
Danielle Annette Kiely
Alexandra Grace Kilburn
David Aaron King
Samantha Joy Kinsman
Leigh Rose Kroeker
Elyse Patricia Lampe
Michael Patrick Landry
Solange Andrea Lara
David Gould Lear
Stephen Patrick Leavitt
Hannah Jacqueline Lebel
Keith Edward Dorman LeDuc
Charlotte Emily LeTourneau
Matthew Robert Levy
Benjamin Jeffrey Lithgow
Kelley Elizabeth Littlefield
Samuel Timothy Luddy
Mary Harding Lyons
Katherine Ann Lyons
Jefferson Jared MacDonald
Lisa Quinn MacGregor
Jamie Lee Malatzky
William Andrew Marques
Michelle Renee Martin
John Daniel Matook
Ryan Walter McGlynn
Dale Brittannie McGrath
Katie Michelle McKenna
Alexa Karen McNally
William Francis McNamara
Michael Grey Melanson
Jenna Elise Miedzionoski
Sara Ann Millimet
Roseannah Elizabeth MillsGrassin
Giles Cole Moffett
Kellyann Rose Moniz
Lauren Anne Morse
Roger Conant Moulton, III
Dylan Edward Murphy
Isaac Shiho Nam
Stephanie Louise Naugler
Leigh Catherine Nawoichik
Margaret Emily O'Neill
Gregory Michael Osborne, Jr.
Brittany Marie Parr
Shay Ryan Parsons
Rebecca Charlet Payne
Sophia Mann Plitt
Christina Jo-An Pohas
Charlotte Jane Press
Chelsea Elizabeth Putur
Zachary Edson Ray
Vanessa Adriane Richards
James Lyman Ricker
Catherine Michelle Robinson
William Ernest Rosser
William Robert Safrin
Edward Sten Robert Sandell
Margaret Hesse Sanders
Charlotte Ann Sandler
Daniel Van Dam Sargent
Abigail Zerrenner Sawyer
John Diamond Scarpa
Arielle Ana Scoglio
Jeffrey Thomas Scuteri, Jr.
Benjamin Jacob Seidman
Sheila Kelly Serafino
Kevin Maloney Serafino
Laura Kaye Shaktman
Shiv Dutt Sharma
Joanna Sierks Smith
Perry Virginia Smith
Nicholas Arthur Smith
Timothy Alan Snow
Sarah Brittany Spearing
Kathleen Frances Splaine
Douglas George Stone
Connor Tucker Sullivan
Jenna Beverly Swartz
Matthew Parker Sweeney
Michael Adam Teal
Daron Meryl Thayer
Rachel PhuongAnh TonThat
John Patrick Townsend
Amy Elizabeth Truschel
Myriah Theresa Tucker
James Thomas Turner, III
Ariel Sterling Twomey
Joseph Aidan McDermott Vanni
John Volker
Abigail Laura Walker
Jeffrey Alan Walsh
Erin Melissa Watkins
Stephanie Rose Weaver
Ian Roger Whear
Deidre Ann Winrow
Byron Campbell Wiswell
Julie Lyn Woods
Thomas Erik Zagorski
Daniel Ryan Zisson

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ANNUAL REPORT (Short Form)
JANUARY 1, 2007 – DECEMBER 31, 2007

Mr. William O. Nichols, Secretary – Wenham Representative
North Shore Regional Vocational School Committee

Amelia P. O'Malley, Superintendent-Director
North Shore Regional Vocational School District

Merger Study In the spring of 2007 Phase II of the proposed merged school was completed. After requested changes to the design total estimated project cost was $140,642,114. In the fall of 2007, the Merger Oversight Committee and the North Shore Chamber of Commerce held a breakfast meeting for the elected officials in all 16 communities of the North Shore Regional Vocational School District. At this meeting the conceptual design was presented along with the estimated project cost. The accuracy of this figure is contingent on a completion date of August 2012. It is hoped that legislation delineating funding will be filed this winter.

Administration The North Shore Regional Vocational School District Committee, comprised of one member appointed to represent each member community is the governing body of the School District. The Superintendent-Director and the administrative team carry out the policies of the District School Committee and oversee the daily operation of the school.

Enrollment Student enrollment as of October 1, 2007 is 443. Students cite the interpersonal relationships with teachers, counselors, and administration, and the vocational/technical programs as the reasons for application. There continues to be a shortage of space for classrooms, shop areas, the library and the cafeteria. In addition, an auditorium is needed.

Curriculum All students who entered in September of 2006 were enrolled in Algebra I. Introduction to Algebra is no longer offered. The 12th grade continues to offer Discrete Mathematic as well as Pre-Calculus, Algebra II, and Business Math. The integration of technology continues with the use of the wireless laptops. Our MCAS preparation has been bolstered by the addition of interactive software entitled PLATO. During the 10th grade, students are working in the computer labs with this program 80% of the time.

All of our science courses are aligned with the Massachusetts Science Frameworks, and for the 9Th and 10th grades classes are sequenced in a manner to prepare students for the MCAS test. Since a science MCAS test is now required for graduation for this year's tenth graders, our underclassman now focus exclusively on biology. This concerted effort on a single domain will allow for more time to cover required strands, and will provide opportunities to develop more rigorous instructional strategies and methodologies in order to enhance success.

As for the 12th grade, we offer three electives that will include: a new Human Biology class, a redesigned Physics curriculum, and a long time popular Field Studies in the Natural Sciences.

The Social Studies Department is revising the scope and sequence to conform to the history curriculum framework and school schedule.

The foundation of the Title I program is a fifteen (15) station computer lab dedicated to utilizing Achieve 3000/TeenBiz, a web-based, individualized reading and writing program which was created specifically for high school.

MCAS Review The Massachusetts Department of Education awarded Grant #632 to North Shore Technical High School to assist those Junior and Senior students who have not yet reached the minimum

score on the Math and/or English/Language Arts MCAS and to assist our current 10th graders to reach proficiency on the MCAS test.
The **School Council** is an organization of faculty, parents, students and business community representatives who meet with the Principal every six weeks during the school year to review programs and activities at North Shore Tech.

General and Program Advisory Committees The Program Advisory Committees meets twice per year to discuss suggestions for improving our career vocational-technical programs.

Career and Technical Areas / Service Cluster
With the incorporation of the Vocational Technical Frameworks, the Career and Technical areas are working on aligning their curriculum and updating and creating new lesson plans were needed. Safety is also a primary concern with our goal not graduating any senior with out a career safe OSHA 10-hour card. In addition, students are maintaining their working portfolios and seniors will begin to create their Senior Showcase portfolio, which will help them in job interviews and during their college admission process.

Cosmetology continues to learn to use state of the art techniques in haircutting, styling, up do, color, nail, and skin care. Students are also learning to incorporate technology in the many projects they complete and presentations they make. Junior and senior students welcome clients from the district for cosmetology services on Thursday and Friday.

The addition of John Bickerstaff as an instructor has added additional instruction to our students. As required by the industry **Culinary Arts** students will receive a certificate in Serve Safe and will complete the Pro Start Curriculum. The Log Bridge Inn is open to the public on Thursday and Friday allowing students to perfect their culinary skills.

Design & Visual Communications was relocated next to the graphics department to allow a professional working relationship between the graphic's program and the commercial artist.

The addition of the new technology in **Graphics Communications Technology** last year has added a necessary technological component to the program.

Health Assisting Students are learning through skill-based activities and will begin visiting health centers in their sophomore year. Students will now complete the Certified Nursing Assistant program during their junior year allowing them to acquire additional certificates during their senior year such as, CPT, First Aid, AED, Home Health Aide, Introduction to Phlebotomy, EKG and an Alzheimer Certificate.

Marketing, Office Technology and Video Media students have the ability to enhance their office technology skills while using the marketing concepts they are learning, finance, advertising, general merchandising and small business ownership. In addition, students are coordinating school wide activities, creating highlight tapes for our sports banquet and freshman parent night, and marketing a positive school moral.

Career and Technical Areas / Technical Cluster

Carpentry/Masonry - Junior and senior **carpentry** students are currently working on construction projects in Danvers and Hamilton. The junior carpenters are building a 30' x 34' 2-story garage on Asbury St., Hamilton. The project is an oversized two car garage with an above in-law apartment. The senior carpenters are completing a farmer's porch that they started last year on Chevalier Ave, Danvers. Upon completion of the farmer's porch, the seniors will work on the garage in Hamilton. The **masonry** crews have completed work on the "Tramp House" historic building in Middleton, as well as a walkway and retaining walls in Danvers. They are currently building a storage/dugout building for the Danvers National Little League.

Automotive/Collision Repair - These shops are both NATEF certified and provide a service to residents of the community while teaching trade skills and competencies to their students. Vehicles are serviced at a discount rate, and in return, students gain trade experience. This year the Collision Repair shop will continue with the Respiratory Protection Program in compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Education and the Occupational Health and Safety Administration. The Collision Repair Shop will begin the process of re-certifying their NATEF approval this occurs every five years.

The **Machine Technology** Department, having successfully completed the process of obtaining their certification from the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) last year, will now concentrate on curriculum development including BattleBots for the junior and senior machinists.

Information Systems Technology - This technical program prepares students for A+ Computer Certification, Network+ Certification, Cisco CCNA Certification, and MCDST Certification. Students will actively learn in a hands-on environment the fundamentals of Computer and Networking Technologies in order to meet the demands found in the fast growing industry of Information Technology and Telecommunications. Introduction to Computer Programming, Visual Basic, HTML, and Flash MX are included in the program, as well as an opportunity for students to work at the Help Desk which is responsible for maintaining, upgrading, and repairing over 300 computers and printers on our Local Area Network (LAN).

This is the third year with the **Electrical Program** as a member of the Technical Cluster. The Electrical Shop is now a full program with exploratory through senior year curriculums. The shop space has been increased to accommodate the additional students. A second electrical instructor has been added to the program, allowing the upper classes to work on projects at North Shore Tech and within the district.

Technology North Shore Tech purchased a total of twenty eight (28) new computer workstations during the school year 2006/2007. Ten (10) of these workstations were used to replace computers in the Library. Five (5) new workstations were installed in the Reading Lab. Six (6) new workstations were installed in the Auto Tech classroom, and two (2) laptops were purchased for the Science Department. In February we upgraded are Graphic Arts classroom with new computer furniture, seven (7) PC workstations and four (4) iMacs. Four computers, two laptops and two workstations were purchased for Administrative purposes.

Teacher technology standards continue to improve. The Massachusetts Department of Education Teacher Self Assessment Test (TSAT) is distributed yearly to track progress. Many teachers are able to design developmentally appropriate learning opportunities that apply technology-enhanced instructional strategies to their curriculum in order to support the diverse needs of learners. A multitude of online tests and quizzes that our teachers are creating are provided on the school's Network and the Internet for student use.

The science department purchased a textbook with an online component. All students are provided with accounts and trained in order to access their textbooks online. The online component also offers an audio version of the text, self-check quizzes, activities, online resources and audio-visuals to facilitate access to the curriculum by all learners.

PLATO-MCAS software was procured through a grant. PLATO is a self-paced model which includes tutorials and mastery tests that can be individualized according to a student's needs from previous MCAS scores or tests. It also includes an MCAS express module that can be used as a thorough review for all sophomores prior to this spring's MCAS tests. All students participating in the after school MCAS tutorial program and students in grade 10 Essential Strategies classes are utilizing this software.

The school's web page is maintained and updated daily. (www.nsths.mec.edu)

Professional Development Faculty members are asked to submit an overall review of what was learned when they attend conferences and workshops or when making on-site visits. This information was shared at staff improvement sessions.

Special Education Department There are approximately 175 students at North Shore Technical High School who have been identified as having special needs; they represent 40% of the general student population. The special education program is inclusive in nature. Inclusion classes are offered in all grades and in every major academic subject area. Small group special education classes, with modified content, in English, Math, Science and Social Studies are offered to students in accordance with their Individualized Education Programs. One special education initiative this year is "Meeting the Behavioral and Social Needs of a Diverse Student Population." With grant funds, we continue to maintain a liaison with Brian LaCroix, a noted behaviorist and assistant professor at Salem State College. He is providing consultation to our teachers and staff with regard to student behavior.

Athletic Department The programs are running well and the participation rate continues to be very high for a vocational school. Proposed new programs for the 2008-2009 school year are Girls Soccer and Boys Lacrosse. Both of these teams are anticipated to be co-op teams with Essex Aggie. Essex Aggie intends to start a co-op Girls Lacrosse team this spring (2008).

Career Exploration The focus of the career exploratory program is to familiarize all ninth grade students with North Shore Technical High School's vocational/technical areas. Currently ninth graders explore thirteen vocational programs. The exploratory program is designed so each student spends five days, four periods in shop and four periods in academics every other week.

School-to-Work/Placement Entering the world of work in the 21st century takes more than vocational/technical skills or academic success. In the 2006-07 school year 36% of students participated in the Cooperative Education Program. Each of these students worked during school time in their vocational/technical area on the job gaining experience and school credit. The class of 2007 saw 51% of the graduates matriculate at two or four year post-secondary institutions, 47% were placed in jobs related to their vocational/technical program and 2% of the graduates were undecided in their post-secondary plans. North Shore Technical High School continues to offer permanent placement service including career guidance to all graduates.

Tech Prep North Shore Technical High School presently has articulation agreements covering four vocational areas with local community colleges.

The **School Social Worker/Adjustment Counselor** works with the at-risk population who are identified and referred by faculty and administration.

Health Office There were 2,985 visits to the school nurse during the 2006-2007 school year. This is a decrease of 807 visits from the previous school year. During an average day the nurse saw seventeen (17) students for health related concerns. The majority of students visited the nurse for headaches, generally not feeling well, and orthopedic muscular-skeletal problems.

A significant upgrade to the **Building and Grounds** in 2007 was upgrading the video surveillance system. The outdated VHS tape drives were replaced with an 850 gigabyte hard drive system that allows better viewing and camera control. Students enrolled in electrical, masonry and carpentry continue to assist the facilities department with a number of projects in the school.

The **Transportation Department** lease purchased 2 new, 2006 model year 71 passenger school buses this year in an effort to update the fleet.

Adult Evening Education at North Shore is a self-supporting program that offers more than sixty (60) vocational-technical classes that enhance the professional and personal lives of the adult members of our community. The Program serves nearly one thousand adult students participating in a wide variety of courses. Popular fields of study include: computers, health, construction, welding and machine technology, culinary, automotive, business and personal finance. A number of courses have state approval for professional and trade license preparation.

Business Office The Department of Revenue has certified the amount in our unencumbered excess and deficiency funds available July 1, 2007 at $640,184. Per MGL Chapter 71, Section 16B ½, $170,039 will be used to reduce the fiscal year 2008 community assessments. The reduction will be allocated based on the October 1, 2006 student enrollment. Approximately half of the funds to be returned are from the Medicaid Revolving Fund that was closed out as of June 30, 2007 per MGL Chapter 44 Section 72.

Funding Issues The Fiscal 2009 Budget preparation is currently in process and will be presented to the District's Finance & Property Policy Sub-Committee in February and subsequently to the District's School Committee. At this point, we have not received any financial data pertaining to fiscal 2009 from the Department of Education.

Financial Issues The District's fiscal year 2008 Federal Entitlement and Allocation Grants have been cut by 18%. The largest grant affected is the Perkins-Occupational Education Vocational Skills grant which was cut by $81,101. We will forego funding some instructional material and equipment, a part time position that supported our instructional staff with the Riso Graph's Data Solutions Analysis Software and fund a lease commitment from our operating budget.

North Shore Regional Vocational School District Committee

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TOWN OF WENHAM

County of Essex

MASSACHUSETTS

Wenham - Incorporated 1643

(First Town set off from Salem)

Population – 5075

Area: 8.21 Square Miles

ZONING BYLAWS
First Adopted 1947

Present Minimum Lot Size: 40,000 sq. ft.; 170 ft. Frontage

Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Health Regulations require permits for new construction and alterations.

Town Hall Telephone
978-468-5520

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE		468-5520 Ext. 5
BOARD OF HEALTH		468-5520 Ext. 4
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		468-5520 Ext. 8
EMERGENCY - FIRE OR POLICE		911
	(for exchanges other than 468)	468-4421
FINANCE DIRECTOR		468-5520 Ext. 3
FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER	(non-emergency)	468-5508
INSPECTOR'S OFFICE - Building, Electrical, Gas & Plumbing		468-5520 Ext. 4
LIBRARY		468-5527
POLICE DEPARTMENT	(non-emergency)	468-4000
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE		468-5520 Ext. 2
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR		468-5520 Ext. 2
TOWN CLERK		468-5520 Ext. 1
TOWN ACCOUNTANT		468-5520 Ext. 7
TREASURER/COLLECTOR		468-5520 Ext. 3

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday - Thursday	9:00 - 4:30 P.M.
Friday	9:00 - 1:00 P.M.
Tuesday	9:00 - 7:00 P.M.

SELECTMEN MEET TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DAY - FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY

Wenham Municipal Complex - Town Hall, Police Station, and Fire Station.

2008-2009
PART II

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WITH REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hearing on the Warrant
Monday, April 28, 2008
Buker School – 7:30 P.M.
Annual Town Meeting – BUKER SCHOOL
Saturday, May 3, 2008
Election 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon – Meeting 1:00 P.M.
Please bring this Part II with you to the
Hearing and Town Meeting
Matters to be voted do not appear in Part I of the
Town Report

Article 8

The Finance & Advisory Committee
Moves, that the Motion before
the meeting under Art 8,
be ~~amended~~ amended to reduce the
Amount to be appropriated
from 601,267 to the lower
Amount of $413,660.-

...UAL TOWN MTG., MAY 3, 2008
TOTAL VOTERS 2683
QUORUM 5% = 134

MODERATOR, CLERK

...CTMEN CLEMENZI, CHAIRMAN HERSEE SWARTZ

...COM JACK WILHELM, KYROUZ (TOM), MC CECHNE (BRENT), FISCHER (STEVE), MEHLIN (SUSAN)

...15 PATRICK WILSON OPEN SPACE SURVEY.

OVER FLOW CROWD

...AVEL

...ELCOME REMEMBRANCE OF JOE HARRINGTON (20 YEAR DECEASED)

DECORUM

THANK YOUS BOY SCOUTS

WVIS

AYER

MEMORY OF LEROY CLARK & RUTH SMITH

CLEMENZI — WORDS FOR RETIRING PETER HERSEE

RETURN OF SERVICE

QUORUM (5%)

TOWN CLERK

MODERATOR

TOWN MTING TIME

MUST USE MICROPHONE

(NAME & ST. ADDRESS)

TELLERS, VOTER CARDS

SECRET BALLOT PERMISSIBLE BY

JOHN BIACHI MOVES SECRET BALLOT FOR ARTICLE 8

EXPLANATION OF PROCESS

DEB EVANS SUGGESTS VOTER CARDS — SECRET

VOTE IS ON 15TH

BRANCH (PAULA) WANTS SECRET BALLOT
SCOTT HEASLEY

VOTER CARDS
FAVOR

DECLARED 10 TO 1 AGAINST SECRET BALLOT

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION

RTICLE JACK WILHELM MOVES
GIVES OVER VIEW
READS
CONTROVERSY AMONG FINCOM + SELECTMEN ABOUT SUPPORT
NO HOLDS
VC'S FAVOR
NO DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED
DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED
RTICLE 3 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
V C'S
N

RTICLE 4 MOVED BY JACK WILHELM
VC'S DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

RTICLE 5 MOVED BY JACK WILHELM
DECLARED
VC'S UNANIMOUSLY PASSED
NO TELLERS

TICLE DIVIDE THE QUESTION
RIGHT OF MODERATOR

TION A. ✓
C's 1 OPPOSED DECLARED APPROVED
TELLERS NO

.1 ✓
C's UNANIMOUS PASSED
NO TELLERS

2. ✓ 4 NEGS DECLARED CLEAR MAJ. FOR
VC's
NOTELLERS

B 3. ✓ 5 NEGS DECLARED SUBSTANTIALLY FOR
NOTELLERS

.4. ✓
C's UNANIMOUS PASSED
NO TELLERS

.5. ✓ UNAN PASSED
C's
NO TELLERS

.6. ✓ CARRIED UNANIMOUS
C's
OTELLERS

ICLE 7. FINANCE COMMITTEE MOVES (JACK WILKINS)
- 2/3 VOTE

C's 14 Opposed

TELLERS ~~DECLARED~~ DECLARED PASSED BY REQUIRED 2/3
MAJORITY

MOVED BY DONNA GALLANT
TICLE MAJORITY REQUIRED

8 ~~Motion~~ SPEECH BY MARINEL

FINCOM SUPPORTS LEVEL SERVICE BUDGET CO
BUT ~~A~~ 19 MILL IS TOO MUCH #
1. MIL 400 THOUSAND IS THE FIGURE

#413,660 FOR WENHAM SHARE - WOULD ACH
LEVEL SERVICE

MOVES TO AMEND ARTICLE 8

CLEMENZI, SELECT CHAIR, SPEAKS FOR SELECTMEN
STATE LEGISLATURE MUST BE FORCED TO COME
FORWARD WITH PROMISED FUNDS - MUST BACK
MANDATES

MEND- PETER HERSEE SPEAKS AGAINST AMENDMENT
ENT SCOTT HARRISON SPEAKS AGAINST AMENDMENT
IRET

VOTE ON AMENDMENT FIRST
VC'S DECLARES " FAILS
NO TELLERS

RIGINAL MOTION
VC'S 8 TO 1 IN FAVOR
O TELLERS DECLARE SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY

PASSED OVER 9 WITH NO ACTION

RTICLE 10 MOVED BY JOHN CLEMENZI
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VOTERS PRESENT: 466

Wenham Finance and Advisory Committee Fiscal 2009 Annual Report

To the Citizens of Wenham

The Wenham Finance and Advisory Committee is pleased to present for your review, consideration and action at the May 3, 2008 Town Meeting, our recommended budget for Fiscal 2009, which begins July 1, 2008.

Similar to the past several years, our recommended Article 2 Operating Budget is at the Proposition 2 ½ Levy Limit. Although we have again avoided requesting a Proposition 2 ½ Operating Override, we were forced to put $153,000 recommended capital requests in a Capital Override Article.

As always, the largest single expenditure request is for our Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District budget, which like many towns our size, comprises 50% of our expenditure budget, without the requested School Budget Override and 53% including the requested override.

The regional structure of our school district budget requires us to meet, discuss and ultimately come to an agreement with our Hamilton counterparts on the amount of the expenditure increase which is included in our Operating Budget (Article 2). This year, the two Finance committees agreed on a combined 1.75% increase. Since the percentage of Wenham students to Hamilton students has increased over the past three years, this 1.75% combined Operating Budget increase translates to a 3.55% increase for Wenham, or $220,207. Had the ratio of students not changed, or if we had more room under the Levy Limit with our Operating Budget, the committee would have voted to recommend a higher increase.

This year the School District Board is requesting a $1,889,589 Override, of which Wenham's share is $601,267. This is considerably more than the $154,817 Override request approved by Wenham voters last year. The overwhelming majority of our committee supports an override request that would provide for a so called "level service" funding, but is troubled by this request, which would add significant funding beyond "level services" and, if approved, would represent a 13.24% increase for School District funding this year. As of this writing, we are continuing to ask questions and seek community input, particularly at the Warrant Hearing.

The essence of the budget process for the Town has not materially changed in many years. Department heads propose budgets in the fall for review, approval and modification by the Selectmen. We received the Selectmen's recommendations in January and proceeded to interview Department heads and discuss, among ourselves, how to "balance the budget", which now means avoiding an Operating Override request. The result this year, similar to last year, is a recommendation is a 3% increase in nonunion salary and wages, a small amount of money for a part-time summer intern to straighten out and organize the files in the Town Hall basement, modest additional funds to increase the base pay of some of the low paid librarians at the Joint Library, the hiring of a part-time assistant in the Water Department to perform billing functions currently performed by the retiring Water Department Superintendent and lastly, an additional 7

hours per week of administrative support for the Highway Department Superintendent. These changes represent small increases. Non-personal expenditure increases were quite modest, basically providing for inflationary increases.

We also budgeted $35,000 for employee sick and vacation buybacks for retiring Town employees, which is a requirement of our union personnel contracts, for several anticipated retirements. For this year, Fiscal 2008, we budgeted $50,000.

On the revenue side, we expect our "Local Receipts" to decline by $117,188 due to substantially lower interest rates on our short-term investments, lower building permit fees and lower motor vehicle excise taxes. To make up for the shortfall and avoid an Operating Override, we have increased our recommended use of Free Cash by $187,979 from $411,685 to $590,664.

The committee is also recommending approval of $101,400 in capital expenditures under Article 2, $87,000 of which relate to the Water Department and are funded through fees assessed by the Water Department and do not affect the tax rate. We are also recommending approval of the $153,000 Capital Override Article of which $63,000 is for a backhoe, which in essence, is being funded by not spending a like amount of money authorized in Fiscal 2008 for a large dump truck. A smaller, less expensive dump truck will be purchased this year. The total will be the same $90,000 authorized and approved last year.

The bottom line effect of all the above Article 2 recommended expenditure requests, excluding the School District and Capitol Override requests, is an increase of about 17 cents or 1.3% of the tax rate from $12.92 per thousand to $13.09 pre thousand. The Capital Override adds approximately 18 cents to the tax rate and the School District Override adds about 72 cents to the tax rate. If the aforementioned overrides are approved by the voters, along with the recommended Article 2 expenditure increases, the tax rate will increase by $1.07 from $12.92 to $13.99; an 8.29% increase. This will translate to a tax increase of $580.15 for the owner of a median assessed single family residential home of $544,200.

The committee also wishes to report that all 5 committee members unanimously approved the Operating Budget (Article 2) as well as all the Articles for which we recommend favorable action in this Warrant book.

Please come to the Warrant Hearing on Monday, April 28, 2008. This is the designated time for you to ask us questions, express your opinions and give us feedback.

Wenham Finance and Advisory Committee

Jack Wilhelm, Chairman
Steve Fischer
Tom Kyrouz
Brett McKechnie
Susan Mehlin

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
May 3, 2008

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Saturday the third of May, 2008, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles. "Article One," the election of officers to be by official ballot from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 NOON; the remaining articles to be acted upon at 1:00 P.M., and if not completed, the meeting to be reconvened on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 7:30 P.M., at the Bessie Buker School; and to vote on ballot questions at the Special Election on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1: Election of Town Officers

Moderator, for one year; Town Clerk, for one year; one Selectman for three years; one Assessor for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; one Board of Health for 3 years; one Housing Authority for five years; Tree Warden for one year; one Planning Board member for five years; one Planning Board member for three years; one Water Commissioner for three years; one Hamilton Wenham Library Trustee for three years; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: Budget Appropriations

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray the Town expense of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2009) beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.

Notes to Recap Sheet for FY2009

REVENUE

Local Receipts: Include the following: **$931,987**
Motor Vehicle Excise, Penalties and Interest, Payments is Lieu of Taxes, Charges for Services, Fees, Rentals, Departmental Revenues, Licenses and Permits, Fines and Forfeits, and Investment Income

Water Revenue:
Raised from water use charges. Water Receipts equal Water Budget: **$511,160**

Assessments to Hamilton: – FY09 apportionment:
Joint Library 64.25% - Hamilton 35.75% - Wenham
Council on Aging Van 51.14% - Hamilton 48.66% - Wenham

Library Assessment:
Total Assessment to Hamilton – Library **$592,785**

Council on Aging Van Assessment:
Total Assessment to Hamilton – COA Van **$33,213**

Cherry Sheet Revenues:
FY08 Cherry Sheet – $587,682
FY09 Estimate (Level Funded) = **$587,682**

Community Preservation Act Funds: **$407,228**

Other Available Funds:
Chapter 90 Funds (Road Repairs): **$115,454**
Cemetery Funds from Cemetery Perpetual Care **$15,000**
Overlay Surplus **$23,963**

EXPENSES

Cherry Sheet Charges: Assessed by State (Level Funded) **$120,547**

Other Expenditures: Catch all for any other charges which may be assessed to the town without appropriation. This includes cherry sheet offsets and any other deficits that may have to be raised.

FY09 Estimated: **$7,200**
Overlay Deficits: **$23,963**

Overlay: Also known as the Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions – from Assessors
FY09 Amount: **$150,000**

Special Articles: The total dollar amount of the Finance and Advisory Committee's recommended expenditures under all of the warrant articles that affect the tax rate (except Article 2)

Article No. 4 Description: Chapter 90 **$115,454**

Override Articles: Items that are considered to be beyond the Levy Limit and will require a Town Meeting Vote

Article No. 7 Capital Override **$153,000**
Police Cruiser, Fire Garage Tight Tank, Highway Garage Doors
Catch Basins & Backhoe
Article No. 8 HWRSD Override **$601,267**

Other:
Fiscal Year Levy Limit: From Department of Revenue RECAP Sheet **$11,661,321**
New Growth: Value increase estimated from Building Permits - FY08 Amt: **$140,000**
This amount is added to the Levy Limit
Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion: Includes Joint Library Project, Town Hall/Police Station Project, Iron Rail Boiler and School Debt, Culvert BANS

Community Preservation Act Funds Reserved: **$397,228**
Community Preservation Act Funds Unreserved: **$10,000**

PRELIMINARY RECAP SHEET
COMPARISON OF FISCAL YEAR 2008 TO 2009
FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED

	ACTUAL - DOR FY2007 Recap	ACTUAL - DOR FY2008 Recap	ESTIMATED FY2009 Recap	INCREASE (DECREASE)
REVENUES				
LOCAL RECEIPTS	1,061,490	1,049,175	931,987	(117,188)
Reservation from General Fund - Backhoe			63,000	63,000
WATER	450,000	435,000	511,160	76,160
ASSESSMENT from Hamilton - COA Van	39,133	36,044	33,213	(2,831)
ASSESSMENT from Hamilton - Joint Library	501,867	577,456	592,785	15,329
Local Receipt Subtotal	2,052,490	2,097,675	2,132,145	34,470
Community Preservation Act Revenue	466,556	509,469	407,228	(102,241)
CHERRY SHEET REVENUE	572,729	587,682	587,682	0
OTHER (Available Funds)				
Chapter 90	91,682	156,231	115,454	(40,777)
Cemetery Funds to offset DPW expenses		15,000	15,000	0
FREE CASH USED FOR:				
Article 5: To Level the Tax Rate	171,545	411,685	590,664	178,979
OVERLAY SURPLUS:				
Article 5: To Level the Tax Rate	78,311	0	23,963	23,963
FY 08: Planning Bd. Zoning Ordinance		25,000	0	(25,000)
TOTAL REVENUES	3,433,313	3,802,742	3,872,136	69,394
EXPENDITURES				
ARTICLE 2 - SALARIES & WAGES	2,639,986	2,824,992	3,000,145	175,153
ARTICLE 2 - TOWN EXPENSES	3,356,349	3,980,191	4,018,713	38,522
ARTICLE 2 - H W REG SCHOOL EXPENSES	5,674,198	6,048,568	6,423,592	375,024
ARTICLE 2 - SCHOOL DEBT	325,239	374,290	377,384	3,094
ARTICLE 2 - REG VOCATIONAL SCHOOL EXPENSES	37,530	27,861	33,564	5,703
ARTICLE 2 - CAPITAL	130,000	127,340	101,400	(25,940)
sub-total Article 2		13,383,242	13,954,798	571,556
CHERRY SHEET CHARGES	114,012	120,547	120,547	0
OTHER - Library Offset	6,271	7,561	7,200	(361)
Other Deficits to be raised (if any)		143	23,963	23,820
OVERLAY (Allowance for Abatements)	100,000	100,000	150,000	50,000
SPECIAL ARTICLES				
FY 08 Regional Operations Center		1,000	0	(1,000)
Article 4: Chapter 90	91,682	156,231	115,454	(40,777)
FY 08: Planning Bd. Ordinance		25,000	0	(25,000)
OVERRIDE ARTICLES				
Article 7: Capital - 1 Cruiser, tight tank, garage doors,catch basins, backhoe		90,000	153,000	63,000
FY 08: Emergency Mngmnt		23,000	0	(23,000)
Article 8: School	91,082	154,817	601,267	446,450
Community Preservation Act Unreserved	131,805	23,669	10,000	(13,669)
Community Preservation Act Reserved	334,751	485,800	397,228	(88,572)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	13,032,905	14,571,009	15,533,457	962,448
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED (Total Expenditures less Total Revenues. This amount is subject to the levy limit)	9,599,592	10,768,267	11,661,321	893,054
PRIOR FISCAL YEAR LEVY LIMIT - before debt exclusion	8,591,660	9,014,482	9,566,430	551,948
2 1/2% Increase	214,792	225,362	239,161	13,799
Current New Growth (Value increases from new building)	116,948	171,769	140,000	(31,769)
Override Articles (School - FY 08 =$154,817 FY 09 = $601,267)	91,082	154,817	601,267	446,450
				980,428
LEVY LIMIT - before adding current year debt exclusion	9,014,482	9,566,430	10,546,858	
One year Capital Override		113,000	153,000	
Reduction of Levy for unused Dump truck appropriation			(63,000)	
PROP 2 1/2 DEBT EXCLUSION	672,185	1,102,183	1,024,463	
School Debt, Town Hall/Police Station, Joint Library				
LEVY LIMIT - Maximum Allowable Levy (Net Amount To Be Raised cannot be higher than this)	9,686,667	10,781,613	11,661,321	
LESS: Amount to be provided for negotiated settlement of a disputed legal claim				
GAP - Levy Limit minus the Net Amount To Be Raised. (If this amount is negative it is beyond the Levy Limit and is not allowable without an override)	87,075	13,346	0	
PROPERTY VALUATION	822,587,133	833,457,209	833,457,209	0
TAX RATE -(Net Amount to be Raised divided by Property Valuation x 1000)	$11.67	$12.92	$13.99	$1.07

Joint Libr Proj.	107,258
Jt Libr Purch	29,688
Town Hall	22,135
School Reno	377,384
Iron rail boiler	11,100
Town Hall @ 4.456m	385,248
Fire Truck (Quint)	71,650
Culverts BAN	20,000
Total	1,024,463

8.29% increase/ decrease

Please note: $100,000 of expenditures equals approxirnately $0.12 on the tax rate

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	GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
114	**MODERATOR**					
114-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	50	50
122	**SELECTMEN**					
122-5100	SALARIES	10,812	10,812	10,812	10,812	10,812
	(Chairman @ $4,266/year, 2 Members @ $3,273/year)					
122-5200	EXPENSES	2,942	1,934	2,000	2,000	2,000
		13,754	12,746	12,812	12,812	12,812
123	**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**					
123-5100	SALARY (@ $93,456/year)	76,220	85,855	90,825	90,821	93,456
123-5200	EXPENSES	5,692	2,490	2,500	2,500	2,500
		81,912	88,345	93,325	93,321	95,956
131	**FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**					
131-5200	EXPENSES	135	195	152	250	250
132	**RESERVE FUND MGL C.40, S.6**					
132-5700	RESERVE FUND	160,536	104,188	0	135,000	150,000
135	**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**					
135-5100	SALARY (@ $49,189/year)	69,730	71,484	45,200	47,756	49,189
135-5200	EXPENSES	3,894	2,744	3,966	3,400	2,040
135-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES		1,500	1,209	500	500
		73,624	75,728	50,375	51,656	51,729
139	**MUNICIPAL AUDIT**					
139-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Municipal Audit	16,000	16,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
141	**ASSESSORS**					
141-5100	SALARY & WAGES	54,587	56,124	71,636	75,342	77,937
	Chief Assessor @ ($59,586/year + $200 longevity)					
	Assessing Clerk @ ($19.138 / hr 18 hrs /wk)					
	and ($100 longevity)					
141-5200	EXPENSES	8,856	15,735	11,056	9,450	9,450
141-5800	CAPITAL	0				
		63,443	71,859	82,692	84,792	87,387

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145	**FINANCE DIRECTOR, TREASURER / COLLECTOR**					
145-5100	SALARY & WAGES	64,717	73,916	97,483	103,125	108,660
	(Finance Director, Treasurer / Collector @ $64,824/year)					
	(Asst. Collector @ $42,436/yr) + Cov.($1,400)					
145-5200	EXPENSES	4,800	6,030	11,449	7,950	9,450
145-5200	TAX TITLE			891	5,000	4,000
145-5300	GASB 45 ACTUARIAL STUDY	6,084	2,723			8,000
145-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	9,181	12,010	11,843	14,700	14,700
145-5710	OTHER - Borrowing Costs	0				
		84,782	94,679	121,666	130,775	144,810
151	**TOWN COUNSEL / LEGAL**					
151-5200	EXPENSES	320,000				
151-5210	CONTRACT SERVICE - RETAINER	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
151-5220	CONTRACT SERVICE - OUTSIDE COUNSEL	49,603	41,574	41,515	20,000	15,000
151-5700	OTHER		0	0	0	0
		376,603	48,574	48,515	27,000	22,000
155	**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**					
155-5100	SALARY & WAGES	0				
155-5200	EXPENSES	14,211	15,745	16,550	16,550	22,050
155-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	35,642	46,895	47,590	48,205	45,790
155-5700	OTHER (GIS Programs; Web Page Host)	13,175	14,441	4,992	5,000	3,000
155-5800	CAPITAL				4,500	4,500
		63,028	77,081	69,132	74,255	75,340
160	**TOWN HALL**					
159-5100	SALARY & WAGES	65,756	87,423	89,209	94,764	98,035
	(Permit Office @ $41,250/yr + $400 longevity)					
	(Admin. Asst. @ $42,016/yr + $100 longevity)					
	(Maint Suprvsr @ 10 hrs/wk @ $19.51/hr + $309)					
159-5200	EXPENSES	53,006	41,097	47,474	54,595	57,800
159-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE					
159-5310	Minutes Clerk & Grant Writer	9,906	8,000	8,600	14,800	10,000
159-5320	Cleaning Service	0				25,000
159-5700	OTHER	9,000	0	0		0
159-5800	CAPITAL	0	0	0		
		137,668	136,520	145,283	164,159	190,835

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161	**TOWN CLERK**					
161-5100	SALARY (@ $45,766/yr + $300 longevity)	40,844	41,961	43,001	44,733	46,066
161-5200	EXPENSES	765	308	1,881	1,700	1,400
		41,609	42,269	44,882	46,433	47,466
162	**ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION**					
162-5100	WAGES	4,383	3,147	2,897	2,950	2,950
162-5200	EXPENSES	9,483	8,207	8,782	15,275	18,025
162-5700	OTHER	0				
		13,866	11,353	11,679	18,225	20,975
171	**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**					
171-5100	WAGES (@ $21.50/hour - 19.5 hrs. per wk)	16,258	16,046	15,217	21,159	21,965
171-5200	EXPENSES	2,550	3,340	4,029	4,435	3,759
	WATER RESOURCE & WETLAND PROT. BY-LAW				2,250	
		18,808	19,386	19,246	27,844	25,724
175	**PLANNING BOARD**					
175-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	1,545	1,515	1,545	1,545	1,545
175-5200	EXPENSES	0	925	187	500	500
		1,545	2,440	1,732	2,045	2,045
176	**BOARD OF APPEALS**					
176-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	515	515	515	515	515
176-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	19	150	500
		515	515	534	665	1,015
195	**TOWN REPORT**					
195-5200	EXPENSES	8,534	7,240	7,784	7,500	7,000
198	**COMMUNITY/REC BUILDING**					
198-5100	WAGES	0				
198-5200	EXPENSES	3,481	4,649	3,653	7,300	4,000
198-5310	CONTRACT SERVICES - Cleaning					
		3,481	4,649	3,653	7,300	4,000

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199	**IRON RAIL PROPERTY**					
199-5100	SALARY & WAGES	6,288	4,986	0	1,827	1,882
199-5200	EXPENSES	13,013	5,018	22,490	29,250	29,250
199-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,617	5,858	12,846	17,307	17,307
199-5800	CAPITAL	1,573	0	0	1,500	5,000
		22,491	15,862	35,336	49,884	53,439
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,182,334	829,630	766,798	951,966	1,010,833
	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
210	**POLICE**					
210-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	841,700	859,461	870,513	884,843	933,772
	(Chief @ $80,459 - base/year + $300 longevity)					
210-5200	EXPENSES	55,896	61,028	66,218	66,726	98,661
210-5800	CAPITAL	30,000	31,346	32,806	20,840	0
	Issues of Significance - Current FC - 2 car leases					
		927,596	951,835	969,537	972,409	1,032,433
215	**POLICE STATION**					
215-5200	EXPENSES				5,500	30,500
215-5800	CAPITAL					0
					5,500	30,500
220	**FIRE**					
220-5100	SALARIES & STIPENDS	134,967	146,393	149,065	164,374	177,988
	(Chief @ $57,564 per ,year)					
	(Fire Prevention Officer @ $56,325/year)					
220-5110	ON-CALL WAGES	155,682	147,840	170,139	140,000	150,000
220-5200	EXPENSES	60,494	47,379	58,191	63,000	63,350
220-5700	TRAINING (Wages & Expenses)	42,686	39,121	38,293	55,697	40,773
220-5800	CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0
		393,829	380,733	415,688	423,071	432,111
225	**FIRE STATION**					
225-5200	EXPENSES					30,705
225-5800	CAPITAL					0
					0	30,705

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231	**AMBULANCE SERVICE**					
231-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	38,980	41,480	43,980	46,480	48,980
241	**BUILDING INSPECTOR**					
241-5100	SALARIES (Building Inspector @ $18,276/year) (Asst. Building Inspector @ $1,600/year)	16,459	16,419	18,095	19,343	19,876
241-5200	EXPENSES	325	0	0	200	200
		16,784	16,419	18,095	19,543	20,076
243	**PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**					
243-5100	SALARY (@ $4,327/year)	3,882	3,979	4,079	4,201	4,327
243-5200	EXPENSES	70	300	149	300	300
		3,952	4,279	4,228	4,501	4,627
245	**ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**					
245-5100	SALARY & WAGES (Electrical Inspector @ $10,799/year)	8,579	8,793	9,014	10,484	10,799
245-5200	EXPENSES	306	40	300	450	450
		8,885	8,833	9,314	10,934	11,249
249	**MUNICIPAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS**					
249-5200	EXPENSES	0	768	522	1,500	1,500
249-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	858	175	721	1,500	1,500
249-5800	CAPITAL	0				0
		858	943	1,243	3,000	3,000
291	**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE**					
291-5200	EXPENSES	1,967	1,689	471	2,000	1,500
	Issues of Significance - Emergency Management $37,000					
292	**ANIMAL CONTROL**					
292-5100	SALARIES (Animal Control Officer @ $6,775/year) (Deer Officer @ $3,116/year) (Beaver Control @ $3,090/year)	8,200	8,561	8,616	11,874	12,981
292-5200	EXPENSES	21	522	530	750	750
		8,221	9,083	9,146	12,624	13,731

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294	**TREE WARDEN**					
294-5100	SALARY (@ $1,466/year)	1,315	1,348	1,382	1,424	1,466
294-5200	EXPENSES	346	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
294-5300	CONTRACT SERVCE	16,261	26,509	26,650	30,000	20,000
294-5700	OTHER - Tree Planting/Replacement - Spraying	678	1,760	1,461	2,000	1,461
		18,600	31,417	31,293	35,224	24,727
298	**POLICE & FIRE STATION**					
298-5100	SALARIES & WAGES					
298-5200	EXPENSES	21,023	19,350	27,575	29,822	0
298-5700	OTHER	0				
298-5800	CAPITAL	0				0
		21,023	19,350	27,575	29,822	0
299	**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER**					
299-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Administration Fee to Hamilton of $14,192)	162,551	153,585	159,208	170,182	178,096
299-5700	OTHER	0				
299-5800	CAPITAL	0			0	0
		162,551	153,585	159,208	170,182	178,096
	TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	1,603,246	1,619,646	1,689,778	1,735,290	1,831,735
	SCHOOLS					
310	**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
310-5200	ASSESSMENT - Wenham Share	5,017,781	5,408,166	5,787,292	6,048,568	6,423,592
315	**SCHOOL DEBT**					
315-5900	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1991 School Addition/Repairs)	65,857	66,285	64,533	67,281	67,682
315-5910	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1997 New Middle School)	217,467	212,951	212,053	259,056	262,235
315-5920	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (2002 Boiler)	50,339	49,441	48,653	47,953	47,467
		333,663	328,677	325,239	374,290	377,384
	Total Hamilton/Wenham Regional School	5,351,444	5,736,843	6,112,531	6,422,858	6,800,976
320	**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
320-5200	EXPENSES (WENHAM'S SHARE)	55,489	44,978	37,530	27,861	33,564
	TOTAL SCHOOLS	5,406,933	5,781,821	6,150,061	6,450,719	6,834,540

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	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS					
422	**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**					
422-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	384,147	387,489	409,036	451,105	465,189
	(DPW Director @ $79,248/yr.)					
	(Foreman @ $27.90/hr-24/hrs + $400 longevity)					
	Foreman shared w/water dept.					
	(Other Wages @ $17.20-$23.42/hour)					
422-5200	EXPENSES	33,623	26,854	33,606	35,000	33,400
422-5700	STREET MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	59,222	60,379	53,924	62,000	76,320
422-5710	OTHER - SIDEWALKS/BIKE PATHS	23,580	12,057	29,107	0	0
422-5800	CAPITAL	29,101	26,833	12,239	42,000	0
	Reimburse from Cemetery funds $15,000					
		529,673	513,612	537,912	590,105	574,909
423	**SNOW REMOVAL**					
423-5100	WAGES	44,284	33,616	27,836	36,050	36,050
423-5200	EXPENSES	72,612	54,000	54,000	54,000	62,300
423-5800	CAPITAL	0				
		116,896	87,616	81,836	90,050	98,350
424	**STREET LIGHTING**					
424-5200	EXPENSES	33,478	36,838	43,288	48,490	48,000
429	**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**					
429-5200	EXPENSES	37,501	42,080	39,908	50,000	47,500
		37,501	42,080	39,908	50,000	47,500
433	**REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**					
433-5300	EXPENSES	235,972	223,762	258,532	279,100	256,500
491	**CEMETERY**					
491-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Burial Agent - meetings @ $32.18/hr)	1,615	2,002	2,052	2,114	2,177
491-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Burial Agent Salary)	2,924	3,980	3,265	3,500	3,500
491-5700	OTHER - MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE	465	500	500	500	500
491-5710	OTHER - VETERAN'S GRAVES EXPENSE	200	0	200	0	200
422-5800	CAPITAL					0
		5,204	6,482	6,017	6,114	6,377

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495	**GASOLINE & OIL**					
495-5200	EXPENSES	43,988	56,118	57,931	68,688	70,500
		43,988	56,118	57,931	68,688	70,500
	TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	1,002,712	966,508	1,025,424	1,132,547	1,102,136
	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
510	**BOARD OF HEALTH**					
510-5100	SALARIES	2,000	2,050	2,102	2,285	2,350
	(Inspector of Animals @ $2,230/year)					
	(Board Members - 3 @ $40 each)					
510-5200	EXPENSES	1,652	1,814	827	2,800	3,300
510-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Health Agent @ $60/hr	9,316	10,500	10,550	16,250	16,300
510-5700	OTHER	300	0	0	2,800	2,500
		13,268	14,364	13,479	24,135	24,450
541	**COUNCIL ON AGING**					
541-5100	SALARIES (14 hrs/wk @ $15.60/hr - COA Grant $3,741)	1,360	4,606	6,963	7,527	9,067
541-5200	EXPENSES	7,639	4,455	5,854	6,900	7,300
		8,999	9,061	12,817	14,427	16,367
542	**COUNCIL ON AGING VAN**					
542-5100	SALARIES	35,027	42,897	41,584	44,704	46,392
	Supervisor (19 hrs/wk @ $15.60/hr)					
	Dispatcher & Drivers (@ $11.15-$11.37/hr.)					
542-5200	EXPENSES	11,202	6,750	8,700	9,580	9,800
542-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES					
542-5800	CAPITAL					
		46,229	49,647	50,284	54,284	56,192
543	**VETERAN'S BENEFITS**					
543-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	472	1,000	750
543-5210	REGIONAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	13,559	14,234	14,743	15,347	16,882
		13,559	14,234	15,215	16,347	17,632
	TOTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	82,055	87,306	91,795	109,193	114,641

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	CULTURE and RECREATION					
620	**JOINT LIBRARY**					
620-5100	SALARIES & WAGES					
5101	Director (Salary @ $63,006./yr)	58,219	56,010	58,523	61,171	63,006
	Prof Library Generalist/Grants Administrator	0	0		0	
	Subtotal Administration	58,219	56,010	58,523	61,171	63,006
5102	Head Reference (@ $34,827/year)	30,712	31,411	32,256	33,558	36,327
5103	Circulation / ILL (@ $34,311/year + $200 longevity)	29,295	30,026	30,955	32,873	35,311
5104	Young Adult Librarian (@ $34,105/year)	32,947	34,427	31,502	32,673	35,316
5105	Childrens (@ $34,313/year)	30,255	31,004	31,752	32,965	35,313
5106	Circulation (@ $38,915/yr + $200 longevity)	33,589	34,427	35,450	37,502	40,115
5107	Administrative Librarian (@ $34,107/year & $100 longevity)	29,195	29,811	31,073	32,773	35,107
5108	Technical Services (@ $45,383/year + $400 longevity)	40,393	41,392	42,369	44,128	46,283
	Subtotal Professional	226,386	232,498	235,357	246,472	263,772
5110	Support Staff - 8 Part-time Positions ($12.06-$16.08/hr)	58,268	58,283	68,016	67,960	75,952
	Clerical Assistance (19 hrs x $15 = $14,934)				13,363	14,934
	Maint. Suprvsr - 30hrs/wk. @ $19.51/hr.	18,831	19,302	19,708	20,300	31,597
	Custodian - 62.5 % of $650 clothing allowance		0	406	406	488
	2-3 Shelvers - total 20 hrs/wk. @ $8.24/hr.	5,877	9,051	8,861	9,123	8,636
	Subtotal Support	82,976	86,636	96,991	111,152	131,606
	Total Salaries	367,581	375,144	390,871	418,795	458,384
620-5200	EXPENSES					
5201	Library Books	88,000	88,351	92,000	96,784	99,750
5202	Subscriptions & Periodicals	7,992	8,000	8,000	8,950	8,950
5203	Furniture & Equipment	522				
5204	Technology	35,926	35,518	35,674	36,654	38,088
5205	General Supplies	12,100	13,191	13,265	13,265	13,265
5206	Memberships, Conference & Travel	996	1,070	1,070	1,070	1,070
5207	Programs	1,000	994	1,000	1,000	1,000
5208	Heat & Utilities	49,505	59,284	55,077	56,000	56,000
5209	Maintenance of Building & Grounds	19,402	20,820	20,820	20,820	19,820
5210	Other	0				0
	Total Expenses	215,443	227,228	226,906	234,543	237,943
620-5800	CAPITAL					
		0	0	0	7,500	4,900
	Total Capital	0	0	0	7,500	4,900
	TOTAL LIBRARY	583,024	602,372	617,777	660,838	701,227

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640	**JOINT RECREATION PROGRAM**					
640-5200	OTHER - JT. RECREATION PROGRAM EXPENSE (Includes $3,826.67 Administrative Fee to Hamilton)	61,814	54,419	54,958	56,696	48,722
		61,814	54,419	54,958	56,696	48,722
650	**PARK DEPARTMENT**					
650-5100	WAGES (Gatekeeper)	0			3,800	3,800
650-5200	EXPENSES	6,254	2,440	2,522	2,900	3,050
650-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	650	0	260	0	0
650-5700	OTHER	0				0
		6,904	2,440	2,782	6,700	6,850
691	**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**					
691-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	144	300	300
693	**TOWN CLOCK**					
693-5100	SALARY (Clockwinder)	1,038	1,064	1,091	1,124	1,158
		1,038	1,064	1,091	1,124	1,158
699	**BAND**					
699-5200	EXPENSES	325	325	325	500	500
	TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	653,105	660,620	677,077	726,158	758,757
	FIXED CHARGES					
911	**RETIREMENT**					
911-5200	ESSEX REGIONAL RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	276,119	295,843	308,782	325,060	338,730
911-5220	FORMER EMPLOYEE PENSION	2,288	2,288	2,720	2,856	2,856
		278,407	298,131	311,502	327,916	341,586
914	**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**					
914-5200	GROUP INSURANCE (Health & Life - Town Share)	399,835	442,653	533,147	536,890	578,318
914-5220	UNEMPLOYMENT	12,266	38		500	500
914-5710	OTHER - BUY-BACK				50,000	35,000
		412,101	442,691	533,147	587,390	613,818

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916	**FICA / MEDICARE**					
916-5200	EXPENSES	27,198	27,348	28,634	30,751	35,761
945	**GENERAL INSURANCE**					
945-5200	EXPENSES	89,303	89,623	124,682	130,030	108,496
945-5201	EXPENSES - Town Hall Insurance	11,000	11,000	4,183	13,915	18,673
945-5700	DEDUCTIBLE FUND	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
		100,303	100,623	129,865	144,945	128,169
	TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	818,009	868,793	1,003,148	1,091,002	1,119,334
	TOWN DEBT - PRINCIPAL & INTEREST					
710	**PRINCIPAL**					
710-5910-1	PRINCIPAL - ROAD CONSTRUCTION					
710-5910-2	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-3	PRINCIPAL - JOINT LIBRARY	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
710-5910-4	PRINCIPAL - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-5	PRINCIPAL - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
710-5910-6	PRINCIPAL- TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT			246,000	232,079	225,000
710-5910-7	PRINCIPAL - IRON RAIL BOILER			23,000	9,500	10,000
710-5910-8	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Qunit - Debt Exclusion)			40,000	50,000	55,000
710-5910-9	PRINCIPAL - Culverts BANS					0
	Subtotal - Principal	125,000	125,000	434,000	416,579	415,000
751	**INTEREST**					
751-5915-1	INTEREST - ROAD CONSTRUCTION					
751-5915-2	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	7,783	6,983	6,183	5,383	4,583
751-5915-3	INTEREST - JOINT LIBRARY	48,458	45,658	42,858	40,058	37,258
751-5915-4	INTEREST - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE	12,888	12,088	11,288	10,488	9,688
751-5915-5	INTEREST - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)	9,535	8,935	8,335	7,735	7,135
751-5915-6	INTEREST - TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT	940	1,621	12,894	185,178	160,248
751-5915-7	INTEREST - IRON RAIL BOILER	1,353	2,295	1,593	1,685	1,100
751-5915-8	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Quint - Debt Exclusion)		16,211	11,857	20,691	16,650
751-5915-9	INTEREST - Culverts BANS				65,479	20,000
	Subtotal - Interest	80,957	93,789	95,008	336,697	256,662
	TOTAL TOWN DEBT	205,957	218,789	529,008	753,276	671,662
	Subtotal General Fund	**10,954,351**	**11,033,112**	**11,933,089**	**12,950,151**	**13,443,638**

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	WATER DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL REVENUE FUND)					
29	**WATER DEPARTMENT**					
29-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	107,994	113,639	119,635	125,596	151,357
	(Superintendant's Salary @ $67,019/year + $400 longevity)					
	(Asst. Supt. @ $27.10/hr-16 hrs/wk, shared w/ Highway)					
	(Other Wages @ $22.84/hour)					
	(COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES 1 @ $2, 2 @ $1)					
29-5200	EXPENSES	106,240	143,291	96,979	98,150	139,838
29-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	67,440	16,625	7,390	20,260	8,680
29-5800	CAPITAL	45,629	50,951	72,162	51,000	87,000
	Subtotal Water Expense	327,303	324,506	296,166	295,006	386,875
	WATER TANK					
29-5910	PRINCIPAL	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
29-5915	INTEREST	60,085	52,085	49,085	46,085	43,085
29-5916	Debt Service Painting Lord's Hill Tank (BAN - $295,189)				17,000	6,200
	Subtotal Water Tank	135,085	127,085	124,085	138,085	124,285
	TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	462,388	451,591	420,251	433,091	511,160
	TOTAL ARTICLE 2	**11,416,739**	**11,484,703**	**12,353,340**	**13,383,242**	**13,954,798**

WAGES	3000145
TOWN EXPENSES	4018713
H W Reg SCHOOL EXPENSES	6423592
H W Reg SCHOOL DEBT	377384
Reg Vocational School	33564
CAPITAL	101400
	13,954,798
TOTAL: ARTICLE 2	

ARTICLE 3: Cemetery and Other Trust Funds

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust Funds received in FY2008, as printed in Part I of the Town Reports, and on file with the Town Clerk.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 4: Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding

To vote from available funds under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, the sum of $115,454 for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 5: Leveling Tax Rate

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Available Funds or Overlay Surplus to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6: CPA Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation budget; to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2009; and to approve the appropriation to expend or set aside the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, a sum of money for recreational use, a sum of money for the preservation of historic resources, and a sum of money for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
The Board of Selectmen will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.

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ARTICLE 7: Capital Override

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, said sum to be raised contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (i-1/2), to be used to fund capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of one Police cruiser, Highway Department backhoe, catch basin replacements, two garage door replacements at Highway Garage, and a Fire Station tight tank, or take any other action relative thereto; such referendum question to be voted upon by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at the Buker School in said Town between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $153,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of one Police cruiser, Highway Department backhoe, catch basin replacements, two garage door replacements at Highway Garage, and a Fire Station tight tank for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008?"

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 8: Operating Budget – Regional School District.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C (g), and also contingent upon the Town of Hamilton appropriating its proportionate share, to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated for annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District to meet the Town's share of the total operating budget of the District which is approved and funded by the Town of Wenham, or to take any other action thereto. The ballot vote on approval of this appropriation will take place on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at the Buker School, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $601,267 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2008?"

The Finance and Advisory Committee will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.
The Board of Selectmen will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 9: Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to withdraw $15,000 from the Cemetery Perpetual Care trust fund, after July 1, 2008 and before June 30, 2009, and transfer and deposit said funds into the General Fund. The purpose of the transfer is to subsidize the Highway Department expenditures for the care and operation of the two cemeteries in the Town of Wenham, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommends favorable action.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 10: Storm Water Management By-law

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws by adding a new Chapter XXII, entitled "Storm Water Management By-law", in a form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection; or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommendation is not required.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 11: Water Resource Protection Bylaw Amendment.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wenham Water Resources Protection Bylaw, Chapter XVIII, in a form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection; or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommendation is not required.
The Board of Selectmen recommends favorable action.

ARTICLE 12: Water Use Restriction Bylaw Amendment.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wenham Water Use Restriction Bylaw, Chapter XXI, in a form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection; or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Committee recommendation is not required.
The Board of Selectmen will offer a recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 13: To Act on Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before This Meeting.

APPENDICES

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APPENDIX NO. 1

RECOMMENDED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED FY2009 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT		DESCRIPTION	FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ARTICLE 2	SPECIAL ARTICLE	#
155	IT	Computer Replacement Master Plan	4,500		
620	Jt. Library	Computer Replacement Master Plan	4,900		
199	Iron Rail	Steam Trap Replacement	5,000		
450	Water	Hydrant and Meter Replacement	51,000		
450	Water	Pick up Truck	36,000		
210	Police	Cruiser Replacement		33,000	7
220	Fire	Tight Tank for Fire Garage		20,000	7
422	Highway	2 Garage Doors		12,000	7
422	Highway	Catch Basins		25,000	7
422	Highway	Backhoe		63,000	7
			$101,400	**$153,000**	

APPENDIX NO. 2

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TOWN OF WENHAM
FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BASIS FOR FY2009 PAYMENTS TO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AS RECOMMENDED IN ARTICLE 2, ITEM 310

I. FY2008 PAYMENTS TO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (Including Overrides)

	HAMILTON		WENHAM			TOTAL
Allocation by Enrollment for FY 2008	68.72%	13,699,601	31.28%	6,203,385	=	19,902,986

II. FY2009 PROPOSED PAYMENTS TO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Within Levy Limit - No Override)

	HAMILTON		WENHAM			TOTAL
Allocation by Enrollment for FY 2009	68.18%	13,807,328	31.82%	6,443,960	=	20,251,288
		20,368		(20,368)	=	0
Net Payments for FY 08		**13,827,696**		**6,423,592**	=	**20,251,288**
Change from FY 08		128,095		220,207	=	348,302
Percent Change from FY 08		0.94%		3.55%	=	1.75%

II. FY2009 PROPOSED PAYMENTS TO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Includes Override)

Override proposed FY 08	68.18%	**1,288,322**	31.82%	**601,267**	=	**1,889,589**
Total FY 09 Budget including proposed Override		**15,116,018**		**7,024,859**	=	**22,140,877**
Change from FY 08		1,416,417		821,474		2,237,891
Total Percent Change from FY 08		10.34%		13.24%		11.24%

NOTE: The two Towns share the total annual budget for the Regional School District on the basis of enrollment. As was the case last year, the number of students from Wenham has continued to increase relative to the number of students from Hamilton.

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District
FY09 SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVED BUDGET
March 31, 2008

Category	07-08 Budget	Change	% Chng	08-09 Budget	Change	% Chng
Salaries-Other than SPED	$12,658,551	$207,675	1.7%	$12,967,904	$309,353	2.4%
SPED Salaries/Tuition/Contr. Serv/Trans	$5,653,111	$167,606	3.1%	$6,819,628	$1,166,517	20.6%
Insurance/Pension & Taxes	$3,139,694	$414,065	15.2%	$3,652,431	$512,737	16.3%
Transportation-Regular Education	$614,160	$34,217	5.9%	$628,832	$14,672	2.4%
Maintenance Expense & Utilities	$1,321,822	$172,518	15.0%	$1,525,587	$203,765	15.4%
Expenses (Other)	$1,238,272	-$35,359	-2.8%	$1,437,185	$198,913	16.1%
Total Gross Budget	$24,625,610	$960,722	4.1%	$27,031,567	$2,405,957	9.8%
Revenue Source	07-08 Budget	Change	% Chng	08-09 Budget	Change	% Chng
State Aid: Chapter 70	$3,370,393	$101,050	3.1%	$3,506,180	$135,787	4.0%
State Aid: Transportation	$331,284	$0	0.0%	$400,943	$69,659	21.0%
School Choice	$580,000	$150,000	34.9%	$581,566	$1,566	0.3%
Early Childhood Tuition	$58,647	$0	0.0%	$40,000	-$18,647	-31.8%
Special Needs Tuition	$28,000	$0	0.0%	$28,000	$0	0.0%
Circuit Breaker	$220,000	$60,000	37.5%	$220,000	$0	0.0%
Medicaid	$60,300	$40,300	201.5%	$40,000	-$20,300	-33.7%
Interest Income(+ $504,558 Reserve Fy07 only)	$40,000	-$484,558	-92.4%	$40,000	$0	0.0%
Parking Fees	$30,000	$0	0.0%	$30,000	$0	0.0%
Rental Income	$4,000	$0	0.0%	$4,000	$0	0.0%
Total Revenues	$4,722,624	-$133,208	-2.7%	$4,890,689	$168,065	3.6%
Net Budget Total	$19,902,986	$1,093,930	5.8%	$22,140,878	$2,237,892	11.2%
Town Appropriations	07-08 Budget	$$ Change	% Chng	08-09 Budget	$$ Change	% Chng
Hamilton Operational Share (by enrollment .6818/FY09)	$13,677,333	$706,709	5.54%	$15,095,651	$1,418,318	10.37%
Wenham Operational Share (by enrollment .3182/FY09)	$6,225,654	$417,324	7.18%	$7,045,227	$819,573	13.16%
Hamilton Debt Offset	$22,269			$20,368		
Wenham Debt Offset	-$22,269			-$20,368		
Hamilton Total Assessment	$13,699,601	$707,941	5.54%	$15,116,019	$1,416,418	10.34%
Wenham Total Assessment	$6,203,385	$416,092	7.19%	$7,024,859	$821,474	13.24%

Note: In Fy08, category reconciliation between the school District and the DOE chart of accounts was undertaken. This process resulted in a number of expenses being moved from one category to another. This was an accounting change only.

APPENDIX NO. 3

BOND REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

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FY09 est. values
$833,457,209

FY	* $4,550,000 ** School 91 Project	* $24,781,000 ** School 97 Project	* $1,300,000 ** School Boiler	4.54% * $1,294,000 Joint Library	4.54% * $350,000 Lease Buy-out	4.54% $245,000 Fire Truck	4.54% * $244,000 Town Hall	3.969% * $4,207,079 Town Hall	3.969% * $2,151,421 Town Hall	3.969% $39,500 Iron Rail Boiler	3.969% $465,000 Fire Truck	Total Payments	Tax Rate Impact	4.54% $1,471,000 Water Tank
2009	67,682	262,235	47,467	107,258	29,688	24,583	22,135	385,248	192,203	11,100	71,650	1,221,248	1.47	118,085
2010	67,642	263,848	46,020	104,388	28,868	23,763	21,520	384,898	187,253	10,650	59,400	1,198,249	1.44	115,010
2011	52,219	264,051	44,468	101,448	28,028	22,923	20,890	374,616	182,440	10,213	57,431	1,158,727	1.39	111,860
2012	0	266,166	42,917	103,438	27,168	17,062	20,245	359,735	177,765	0	55,519	1,070,015	1.28	108,635
2013		266,842	0	100,063	26,268	16,388	19,570	340,173	173,090		53,606	996,000	1.20	105,260
2014		267,723		96,613	25,348	15,698	18,880	330,823	168,415		51,694	975,193	1.17	101,810
2015		267,388		88,125	19,418	0	18,183	321,473	163,740		49,781	928,108	1.11	98,323
2016		269,337		84,800	18,705		12,470	312,123	159,065		47,869	904,368	1.09	99,760
2017		271,013		71,440	17,985		11,990	302,773	154,390		45,956	875,547	1.05	95,920
2018		273,015		68,500	17,250		11,500	268,954	144,821		0	784,040	0.94	92,000
2019		273,572		60,500	16,500		11,000	261,032	140,556			763,160	0.92	88,000
2020		0		57,750	15,750		10,500	253,476	136,487			473,963	0.57	84,000
2021				0	0		0	245,846	132,379			378,225	0.45	0
2022								238,144	128,231			366,375	0.44	
2023								230,393	124,058			354,450	0.43	
2024								222,593	119,858			342,450	0.41	
2025								214,744	115,631			330,375	0.40	
2026								206,846	111,379			318,225	0.38	
2027								198,949	107,126			306,075	0.37	
								0	0			0	0.00	
Totals	187,543	2,945,190	180,872	1,044,323	270,976	120,417	198,883	5,452,834	2,818,885	31,963	492,906	13,744,792	0.96 Avg. Impact	1,218,663

* Debt Exclusion

** School Debt is estimated based on current statistical information (this will change from year to year as statistical data changes.)

NOTE: Bond Anticipation Notes

Culverts	656,811
Water Tank Painting	295,189
	952,000

BAN issued 2/8/08 for 1 yr @ 2.10%

APPENDIX NO. 4

MEDIAN HOME ASSESSED VALUE AND MEDIAN REAL ESTATE TAX

MEDIAN HOME
ASSESSED VALUE & REAL ESTATE TAX

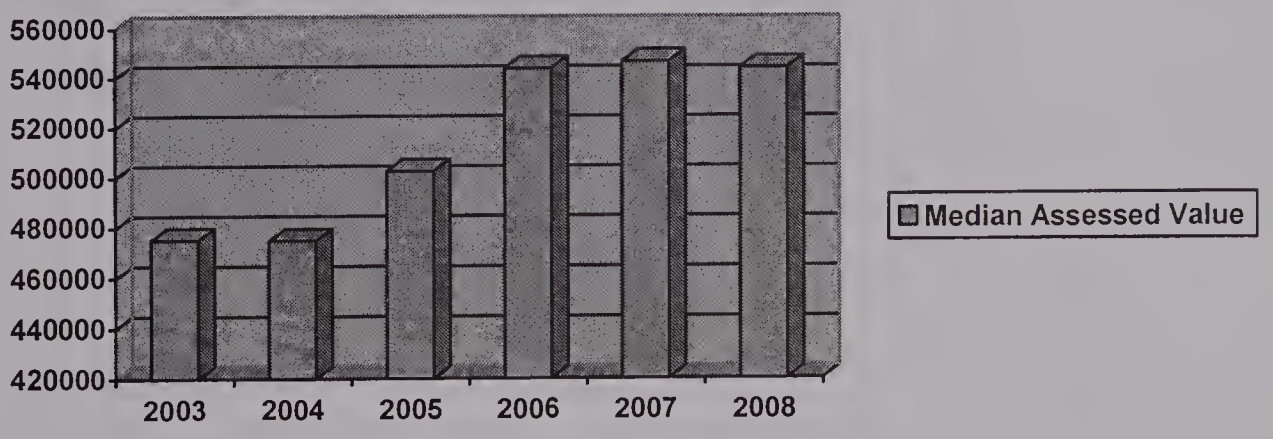
MEDIAN HOME ASSESSED VALUE
2003-2009

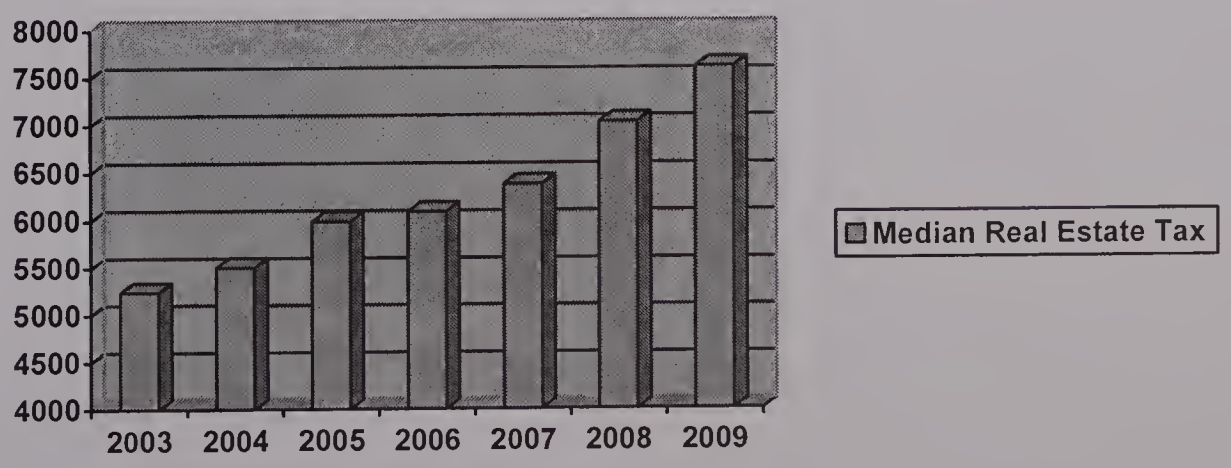
2008	$544,200
2007	546,700
2006	543,900
2005	502,700
2004	474,800
2003	475,100

MEDIAN HOME REAL ESTATE TAX
2003-2009

Proposed 2009	$7,613 * **
2008	7,031
2007	6,380
2006	6,092
2005	5,987
2004	5,503
2003	5,240

* Assumes no assessment increase
** Assumes all overrides pass





APPENDIX NO. 5

RESERVE FUND, FREE CASH & NEW GROWTH SUMMARIES

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RESERVE FUND FY 2008

Listed are the transfers voted by your Finance and Advisory Committee from July 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 from the Reserve Fund of $135,000 created at the Annual Town Meeting

Emergency Center Actual Invoice	$	8,280.15
Indigenous Animal Control		750.00
Deputy Fire Chief Salary		8,245.00
Fire Truck Repair		22,223.10
TOTAL TRANSFERS	$	39,498.25
BALANCE AS OF 3-31-08	$	95,501.75

CERTIFIED FREE CASH
2000-2007

2007	$886,645
2006	661,685
2005	421,546
2004	631,437
2003	803,578
2002	687,915
2001	691,247
2000	996,102

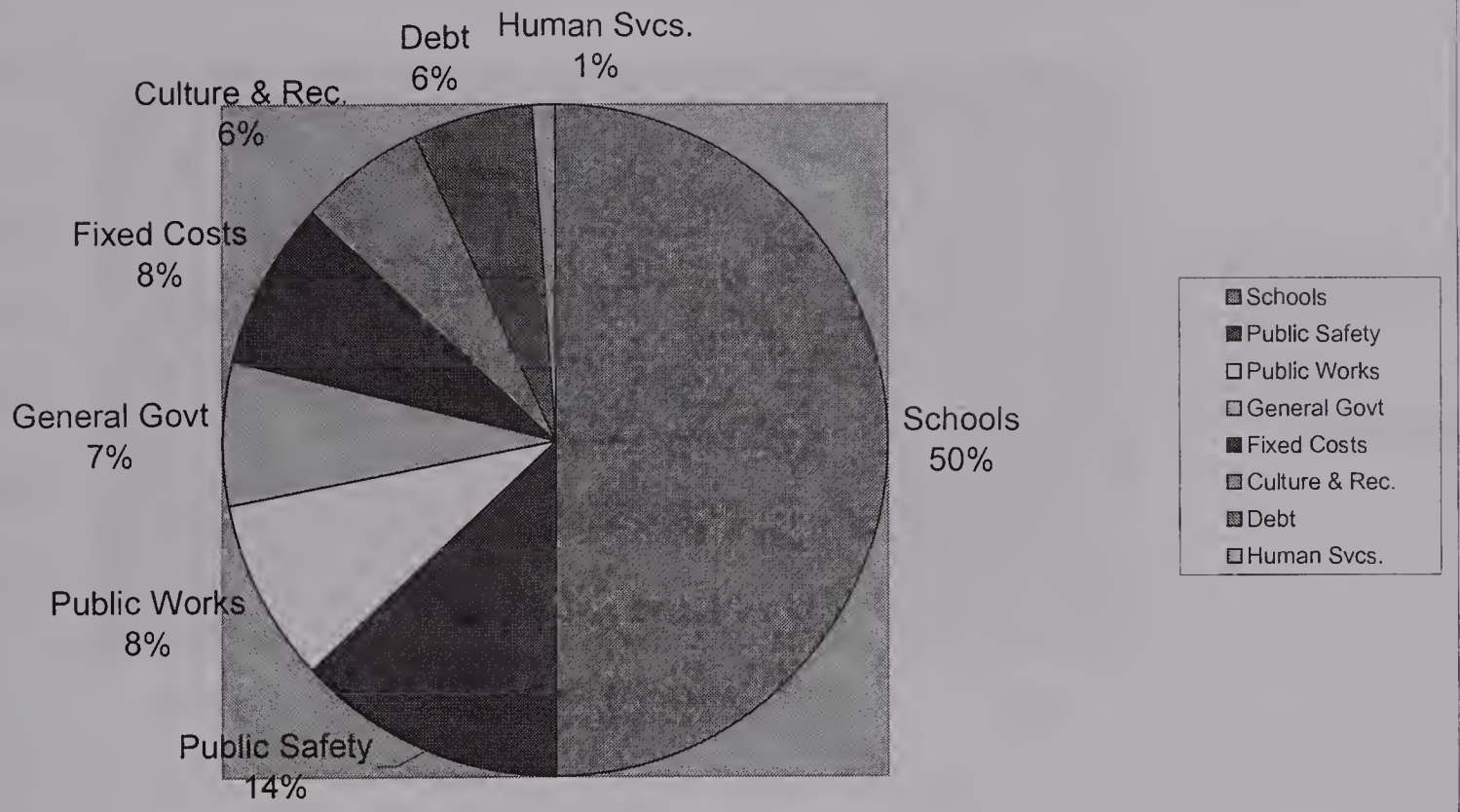
NEW GROWTH
2000-2009

Estimated 2009	140,000
2008	171,769
2007	116,948
2006	88,558
2005	112,870
2004	79,274
2003	51,322
2002	94,429
2001	84,358
2000	210,303

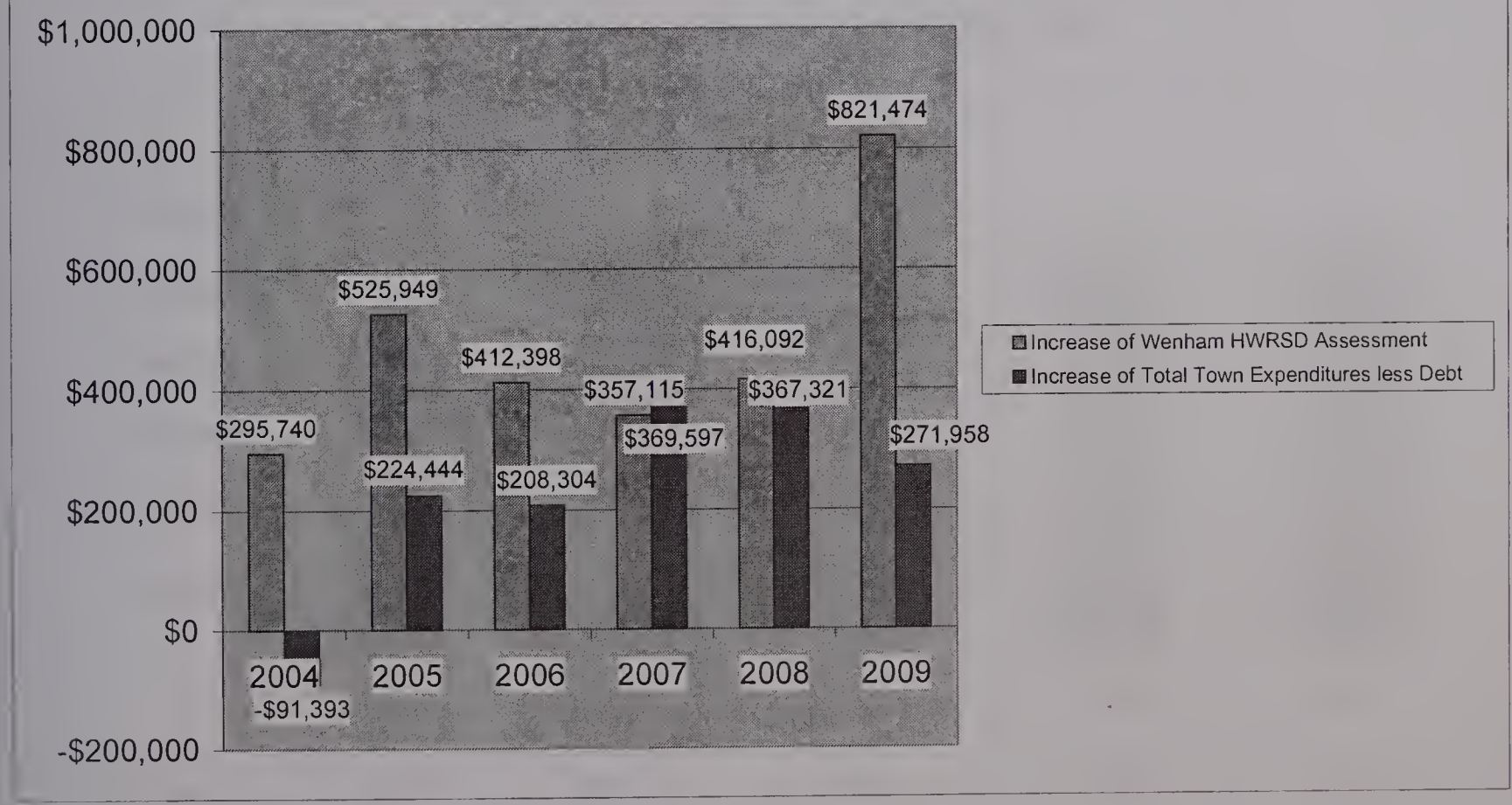
APPENDIX NO. 6

EXPENDITURE GRAPHS

Proposed FY 09 Article 2 (less Water)



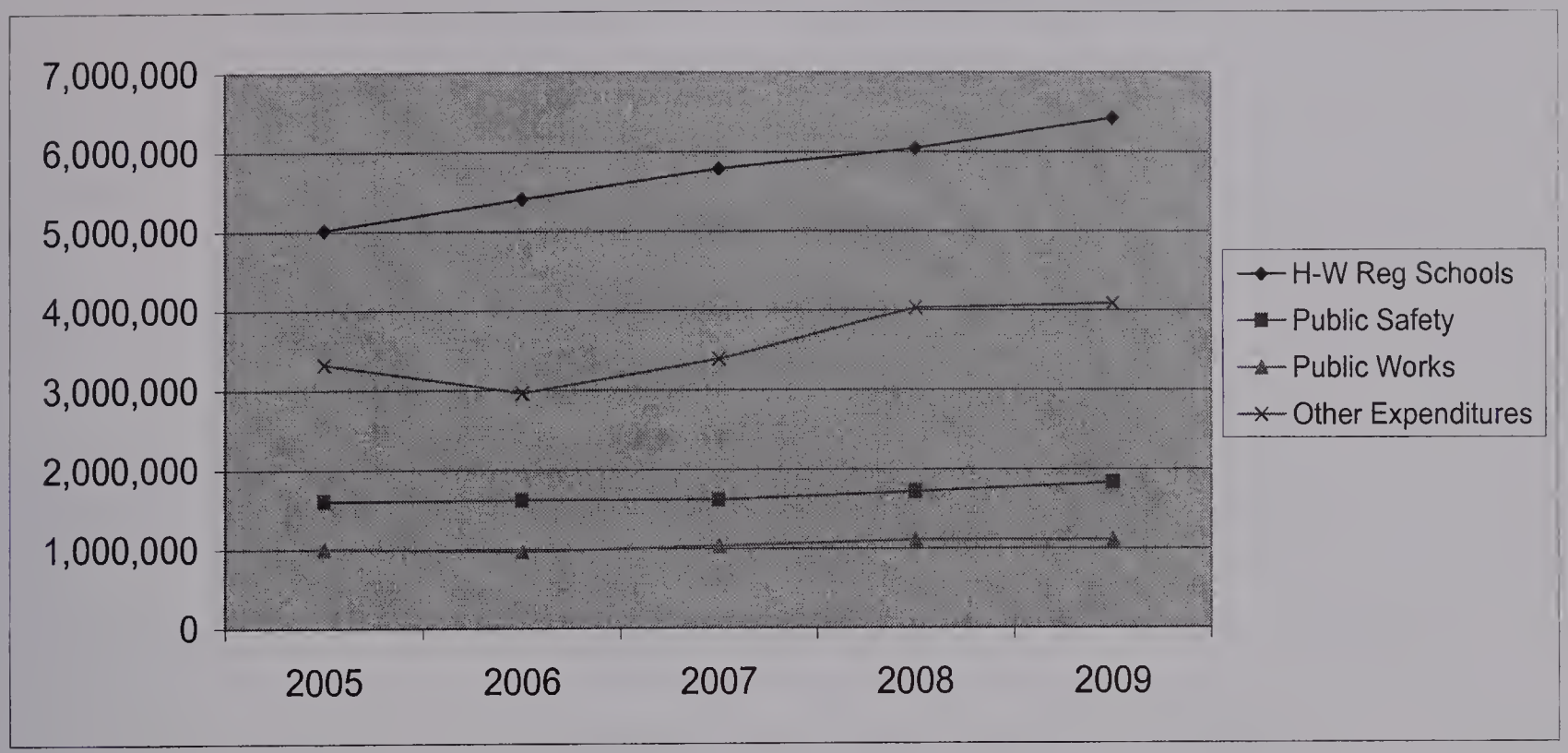
Increase of Town Expenditures vs. HWRSD Expenditures by year



2009 HWRSD increase assumes passage of operating override

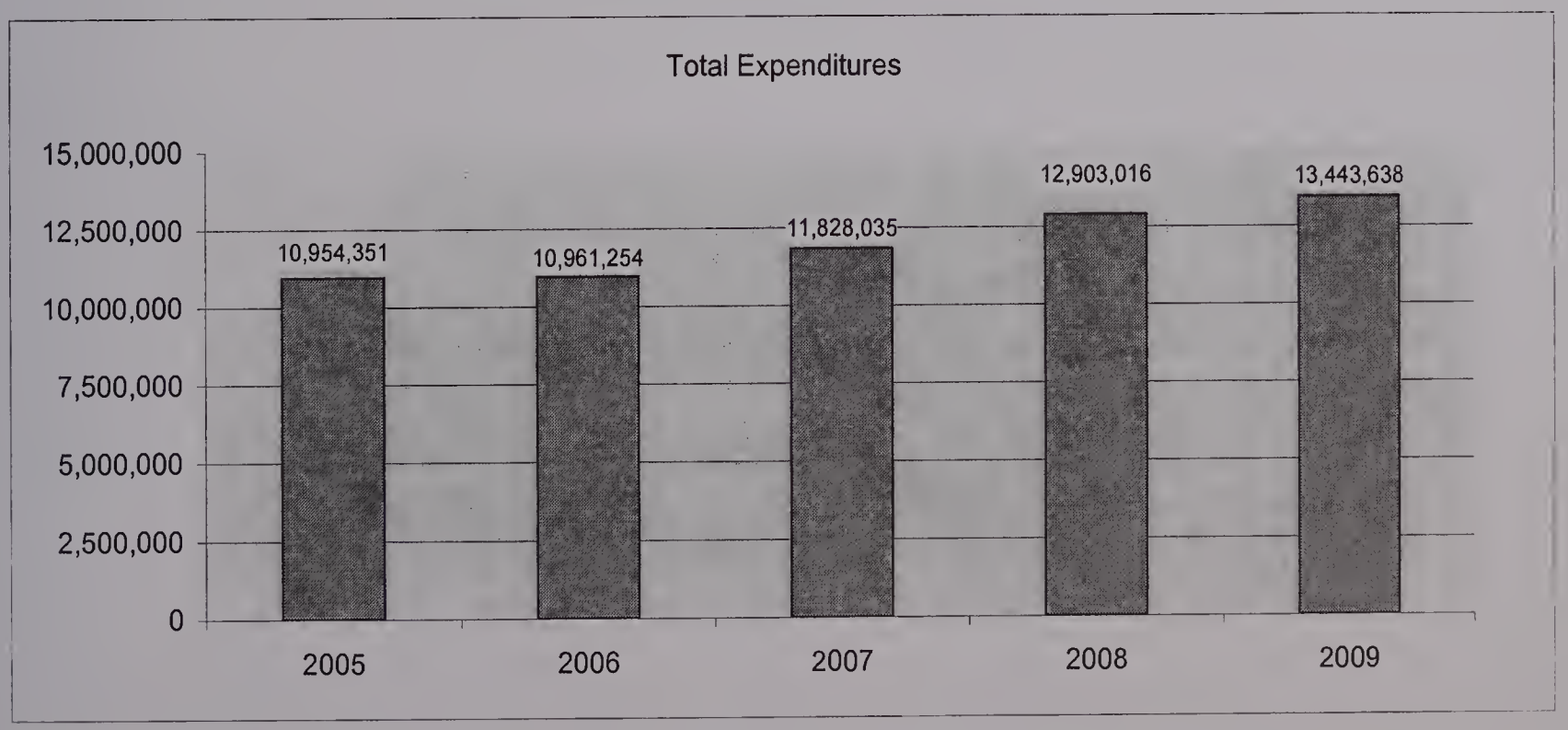
Town Expenditures do not include HWRSD Assessments or Debt

EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
H-W Reg Schools	5,017,781	5,408,166	5,787,292	6,226,088	6,423,592
Public Safety	1,603,246	1,619,646	1,617,383	1,721,253	1,831,735
Public Works	1,002,712	966,508	1,031,664	1,104,862	1,102,136
Other Expenditures	3,330,612	2,966,934	3,391,696	3,850,813	4,086,175

TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES BY FISCAL YEAR



% Increase	13.48%	0.06%	7.91%	9.09%	4.19%

APPENDIX NO. 7

MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMINOLOGY

MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMINOLOGY

The following terms are frequently used in the Annual Town Report and at Town Meeting. In order to provide everyone with a better understanding of their meaning, the following definitions are provided:

Balance as of 3-31-08

FREE CASH: **$886,645**

Free cash is a community's unrestricted available funds that may be used as a funding source for appropriations. Free Cash is generated when actual revenue collections exceeds budgeted estimates and when actual expenditures are less than budgeted appropriations, or a combination of both.

OVERLAY: (Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions) **$118,244**

An account established annually to fund anticipated property tax abatements, exemptions, and uncollected taxes in that year. This amount is provided by the Board of Assessors and is raised on the tax recapitulation sheet.

STABILIZATION FUND: **$458,528**

A fund designed to accumulate funds for capital and other future spending purposes. A community may appropriate in any year an amount not exceeding 10% of the tax levy of the preceding year for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund. Amounts from this fund may be appropriated by a two-thirds vote, at a Town Meeting, for any lawful purpose.

RESERVE FUND: **$ 95,502**

An amount set aside annually within the budget of a Town, not to exceed 5% of the tax levy for the preceding year. Transfers from this fund are within the exclusive control of the Finance and Advisory Committee and are for "extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures."

CHERRY SHEET:

An official notification from the State (originally printed on cherry-colored paper), which itemizes State Aid due to communities, as well as State and County charges assessed to communities. The resulting net receipt of funds is used by the Town to offset the "Amount to be Raised". The Cherry Sheet is usually received from the State in the Fall and is necessary before the Board of Assessors can set the tax rate.

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May 3, 2008 Annual Town Meeting
Presentation List

The Moderator will call on the following individuals to read the motion associated with each article and to answer any questions that the public may have.

Article 2	Budget Appropriations		Jack Wilhelm
Article 3	Cemetery & Other Funds		Jack Wilhelm
Article 4	Chapter 90 Funding		Jack Wilhelm
Article 5	Level Tax Rate		Jack Wilhelm
Article 6	CPA Appropriations		Patrick Wilson
		Presentation:	Patrick Wilson
Article 7	Capital Override		Jack Wilhelm
		Presentation:	Larry Swartz (if necessary)
Article 8	School Budget Override	Motion:	Don Gallant
		Presentation:	Marinel McGrath
Article 9	Cemetery Perpetual Care		Jack Wilhelm (Pass Over)
Article 10	Storm Water Management Bylaw		John Clemenzi
		Presentation:	Jeff Chelgren/Bill Tyack (if necessary)
Article 11	Water Resource Protection Bylaw Amend.		Ken Whittaker (Also presenting)
Article 12	Water Use Restriction Bylaw Amend.		Rich Quateman
		Presentation:	Bruce Blanchard

Annual Town Meeting Announcements

Thank You

1. Boy Scouts – Delivery of Annual Reports and Warrants
2. WVIS – Pre-Town Meeting Lunch
3. Flowers donated by the Ayer family in memory of Hilda Rice Ayer

Remembrance

1. Leroy Clark
2. Ruth Smith

Selectmen Meeting For Closing Town Meeting

May 27, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. in Wenham Selectmen Chamber, Town Hall

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
May 3, 2008

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Saturday the third of May, 2008, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles. "Article One," the election of officers to be by official ballot from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 NOON; the remaining articles to be acted upon at 1:00 P.M., and if not completed, the meeting to be reconvened on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 7:30 P.M., at the Bessie Buker School; and to vote on ballot questions at the Special Election on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

FRAM,
Here is the WARRANT
& the By law Amendments
that need to be on file
w/ TOWN Clerk.
JM

ARTICLE 1:

Moderator, for one year; Town Clerk, for one year; one Selectman for three years; one Assessor for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; one Board of Health for 3 years; one Housing Authority for five years; Tree Warden for one year; one Planning Board member for five years; one Planning Board member for three years; one Water Commissioner for three years; one Hamilton Wenham Library Trustee for three years; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: Budget Appropriations

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray the Town expense of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2009) beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

ARTICLE 3: Cemetery and Other Trust Funds

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust Funds received in FY2008, as printed in Part I of the Town Reports, and on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 4: Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding

To vote from available funds under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, the sum of $115,454 for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

ARTICLE 5: Leveling Tax Rate

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Available Funds or Overlay Surplus to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009.

ARTICLE 6: CPA Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation budget; to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2009; and to approve the appropriation to expend or set aside the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, a sum of money for recreational use, a sum of money for the preservation of historic resources, and a sum of money for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: Highway Capital Re-appropriation.

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, said sum to be raised contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (i-1/2), to be used to fund capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of a dump truck and backhoe for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto; such referendum question to be voted upon by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at the Buker School in said Town between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $90,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of a dump truck and backhoe for the Highway Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008?"

ARTICLE 8: Capital Override

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, said sum to be raised contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (i-1/2), to be used to fund capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of one police cruiser, catch basin replacements, two garage door replacements at Highway Garage, and a Fire Station tight tank, or take any other action relative thereto; such referendum question to be voted upon by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at the Buker School in said Town between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $90,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of one police cruiser, catch basin replacements, two garage door replacements at Highway Garage, and a Fire Station tight tank for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008?"

ARTICLE 9: Operating Budget – Regional School District.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C (g), and also contingent upon the Town of Hamilton appropriating its proportionate share, to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated for annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District to meet the Town's share of the total operating budget of the District which is approved and funded by the Town of Wenham, or to take any other action thereto. The ballot vote on approval of this appropriation will take place on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at the Buker School, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional amount in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2008?"

ARTICLE 10: Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to withdraw $15,000 from the Cemetery Perpetual Care trust fund, after July 1, 2008 and before June 30, 2009, and transfer and deposit said funds into the General Fund. The purpose of the transfer is to subsidize the Highway Department expenditures for the care and operation of the two cemeteries in the Town of Wenham, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: Storm Water Management By-law

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws by adding a new Chapter XXII, entitled "Storm Water Management By-law", in a form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection; or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12: Water Resource Protection Bylaw Amendment.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wenham Water Resources Protection Bylaw, Chapter XVIII, in a form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection; or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13: Water Use Restriction Bylaw Amendment.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wenham Water Use Restriction Bylaw, Chapter XXI, in a form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection; or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To Act on Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before This Meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof: one at the junction of Friend Court and Main Street; one at the junction of Topsfield Road and Maple Street; one at the junction of Larch Row, Walnut Road and Dodge's Row; and one at the junction of Grapevine Road and Hull Street seven days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this ____ day of _____, 2008.

_____
John A. Clemenzi

_____
Peter A. Hersee

_____
Lawrence Swartz

"In pursuance of the above written warrant I have this ____ day of April, 2008, posted the attested copies thereof as directed therein."

A TRUE COPY
ATTEST:

_____
Constable of the Town of Wenham

Date:

PRESORT STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
WENHAM, MA
PERMIT 135

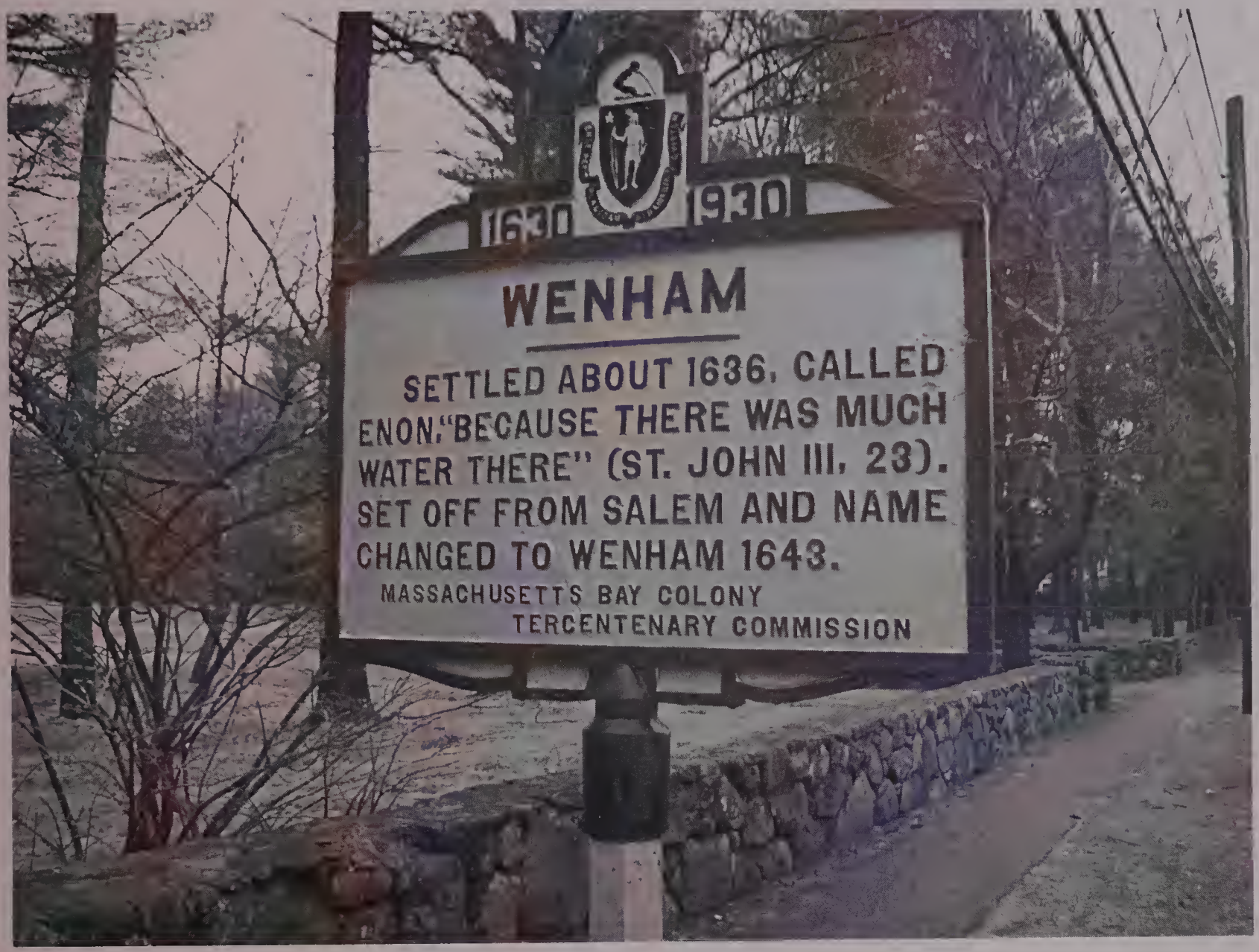
POSTAL PATRON
WENHAM, MA 01984

PLEASE ATTEND THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008
1:00 P.M.

AT THE BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL

TOWN OF WENHAM



2008
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
PART 1

TOWN REPORTS

PART I 2008

To all the citizens of Wenham:

Your Board of Selectmen is pleased to submit this report of our Town's activities in 2008, the twenty-eighth year under Proposition 2 ½ and the eighth of the new millennium.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 2, 2009**. The Warrant for this meeting along with the recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Committee and this Board, will be found in the separate booklet, Part II. We hope you will study it before the hearing on the budget, which will be held at **Buker School** on **Monday, April 27, 2008 at 7:30 P.M**. We trust you will give this budget your consideration and come to the meetings prepared to actively participate in our deliberations.

JOHN A. CLEMENZI, Chairman
HARRIET DAVIS
LAWRENCE SWARTZ

ANNUAL REPORT

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JOHN CLEMENZI, CHAIRMAN, HARRIET DAVIS, LAWRENCE SWARTZ

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK
REPORTS OF TOWN BOARDS,
DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

ELECTED OFFICIALS 2008 – 2009

MODERATOR
Paul D. Weaver ~~(2009)~~ 2010

TOWN CLERK
Frances Harte Young ~~(2009)~~ 2010

SELECTMEN
John A. Clemenzi, Chairman ~~(2009)~~ 2012
Lawrence D. Swartz (2010)
Harriet P. Davis (2011)
Peter A. Hersee (2008), resigned

ASSESSORS
Thomas Tanous, Chairman (2010)
Lisa Craig (2011)
Richard W. Fleming ~~(2009)~~ 2012
John F. DeSimone, (2008), resigned

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
Richard T. Caves, Chairman (2010)
Dr. Bryant Barnard ~~(2009)~~ 2012
Dorothy Maciejoswski(2011)

BOARD OF HEALTH
Gerald T. Donnellan, Chairman ~~(2009)~~ 2012
Dr. Miguel A. Martinez (2010)
Dorothy D. Maciejowski (2011)

WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY
Ann M. Shaw, Chairman (2012)
Elizabeth A. Armington ~~(2009)~~ 2014
Gail MacLean (Appt. ~~2009~~) 2011
James J. Stelline (2013) 2013
Elizabeth Craig-McCormack (St. App.)
~~Marion D'Ambrosio (2011), resigned~~

TREE WARDEN
Pierre Erhard ~~(2009)~~ 2010

HAMILTON-WENHAM
LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Wendy Daynes, Chairman (2011) Wenham
Doris Gallant (2010) Wenham
Annette Janes (2009) at-large 2012
Madelyn Liberti (2010) Hamilton
Janice Pappas (2011) Hamilton
Elizabeth Stanton (2009) at-large 2012
Joanne Ridinger (2011) Hamilton, resigned

PLANNING BOARD
David E. Geikie, Chairman (2011)
Ernest S. Dodge ~~(2009)~~ 2014
Minot Frye (2011)
Donald J. Killam, Jr. (2010)
Virginia L. Rogers (2012)

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
~~Laurie Wilson, Chairman (2009)~~
Denise Bisaillon (2010)
Richard L. Boroff (2011)
Donald E. Gallant, (2010)
Lisa Gaquin (2010)
Alexa McCloughan (2009) 2012
John J. O'Keefe (2009) 2012
Lauren Prior (2011)
Dacia Rubel (2009) 2012
Catherine A. Harrison (2008), resigned
William F. Martin (2008), resigned

WATER COMMISSIONERS
Ernest C. Ashley, Chairman (2010)
~~Robert W. Moroney (Appt. 2009)~~ PAUL MENDONCA a
Richard K. Quateman (2011)
~~Richard Carnevale, (2009), resigned~~

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Representative (4th Essex District)
Bradford Hill
Senator (1st. Essex & Middlesex District)
Bruce E. Tarr

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William Nichols
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Kenneth Walsh
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ROUTE 97 LIGHT COMMITTEE (1/2003)
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Bessie Marlyn Oro
Thomas Tanous
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Patience, hard work, and endurance made possible many of the noteworthy accomplishments occurring in 2008. This historic year was marked by the opening of new facilities, completion of public safety projects, and significant beautification efforts.

The Board of Selectmen said farewell to Peter Hersee, a two-term member of the Board whose skill, experience, and diplomacy were admired by all and greatly appreciated by those who had the pleasure of serving with him. Harriet Davis was elected to fill this vacated seat and she will bring to the Board her experience on the Finance and Advisory Committee and the Building Committee.

After six (6) years of public discussion, design, and construction, the newly renovated Town Hall opened its doors for the first time in March, 2008. The new Police Station was ahead of schedule and was completed and occupied in January of the same year. These historic events marked the successful completion of one the most aggressive building projects ever undertaken by the Town of Wenham. The success of the project was directly attributable to the hard work of the Wenham Town Hall and Police Station Building Committee under the leadership of the chairman, John Darling. Although the project has yet to be closed out and there remain on-going issues in negotiation between the Town and the contractor, the project is considered a complete success. The Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to thank all that were involved in the long history of this important building project and to note the satisfaction of the public with the beauty and functionality of both the renovated Town Hall and the new Police Station.

In the Fall of 2008 the Selectmen held a ribbon cutting ceremony marking the formal activation of a new traffic light situated at the corner of Topsfield Road (Rte. 97) and Cherry and Maple Streets. The project was approved by vote of town meeting in May, 2003. Although the project took over 4 years to get off the drawing board, it proved to be a well managed and efficient construction process that significantly improved the public safety at this busy intersection. Selectmen were happy to find the project was well-received by Town residents and that the goals and objectives were so completely achieved.

Another noteworthy 2008 construction project in Wenham included the installation of the Pleasant Pond Recreation Area Master Plan. The Town of Wenham and the Pleasant Pond Association have been working on operational improvements to, and the beautification of, the town-owned park located at the end of Pleasant Street and adjacent to Pleasant Pond. Through a unique collaboration between the neighborhood association, town resources, and labor and material contributions from two local contractors, the park received a new gate house, the construction of extensive stone retaining walls throughout the site, drainage improvements, an enhanced boat ramp, and new landscaping.

Finally, the Wenham Cemetery Commission worked diligently through 2008 designing and implementing a master plan for the new Iron Rail Cemetery. Two years ago the Town worked to install a new access drive from Rubbly Road up to the new cemetery site, located to the rear of the Town-owned Iron Rail property. Since then the new cemetery area has existed with very few embellishments. This summer, however, the Cemetery Commission worked with the Highway Department on the installation of a new entrance gate, a new veterans burial section, and extensive landscaping throughout. Finish work is expected to continue into the spring of 2009, but the majority of the master plan implementation is complete.

Economic concerns and ever-present budget constraints have continued to occupy much of the time and energy of the Selectmen. Reduced State and Federal funding, increased fixed costs, and diminishing local revenues have forced the Town to continue to evaluate how we do business and to determine how we can achieve greater cost efficiency. In 2008 these pressures brought about the development of a unique, jointly appointed committee known as the H-W-RSD Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC). This committee is comprised of appointees chosen by the Towns of Hamilton and Wenham, the School Committee, local special interest groups, and citizens at-large. The goal of this committee is to evaluate the business practices of both towns and the School District and make recommendations on how to create greater sustainability while maintaining acceptable levels of service. The BRC was appointed in the Fall of 2008 and can be expected to take 2-3 years to complete the assignment. The Wenham Selectmen are excited about the potential benefit that will come from this innovative committee and will dedicate the resources needed over the upcoming years to ensure success.

Our community continues to evolve in response to outside economic, demographic, and physical factors that impact the North Shore and the Greater Boston Metropolitan Area. This ongoing evolution requires skilled management in order to ensure that we maintain the delicate balance between the desired rural character of our community and the need for increased revenues to support the growing demands placed upon our Town government. The Selectmen feel we are well served by the remarkable volunteer boards and committees that we rely upon, as well as the dedicated employees we have working on our behalf.

Board of Selectmen

John Clemenzi
Larry Swartz
Harriet Davis

TOWN OF WENHAM

MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

The year 2008 was a very busy year for all of us, especially for those who are a part of the election process.

On January 22, 2008, there was a Special Town Meeting to deal with questions about the purchase of land for affordable housing and open space, the sale of land to the Salem and Beverly Water Supply Board, and amendments to the Town liquor license.

The Presidential Primary (remember what seemed like an endless Presidential campaign?) was, at the last minute, moved from the regularly scheduled March date to February 5.

Flu season, to which many of us fell victim, followed and then suddenly we were packing to move from the temporary quarters in the Center School to our fresh, beautifully renovated Town Hall. Thank you to the school for allowing us to set up in what seemed like an endless "temporary shop."

Of course, in May we had the Annual Town Election and Town Meeting. Snow was gone and it was a beautiful weekend complete with a lovely luncheon provided by the Wenham Village Improvement Society.

In September, there was the State Primary Election, and then began the race to the November fourth Presidential Election. In Wenham well over 250 absentee ballots, both local and overseas, were processed from mid-October on.

Many many thanks are due to all the faithful friends who helped during the year. Kathleen McMahon, Town Accountant, picked me up off my feet when we moved. She made sure that my files would be in workable order. There was a lot of heavy lifting and patience required, and she freely gave of her time and strength.

All the registrars and election workers pitched in and made sure that the many elections ran as smoothly and politely as possible. Several new election workers came on board for the Presidential Election in November, and they were wonderful as were all the others who worked so hard.

In addition to the elections, many petitions had to be certified, the census taken and recorded and vital statistics provided and recorded.

Numerous items are available from the Clerk's office, including dog tags and licenses, small business certificates, raffle permits, and hunting and fishing licenses, as well as recycling receipts and recycling bins and stickers for large containers.

Following are some of Wenham's statistics and recordings of meetings and elections.

POPULATION AS OF JUNE 2008

Residents	3872
Gordon College	1269
Total	5141

REGISTERED VOTERS AT CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR TOWN ELECTION AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2683

REGISTERED VOTERS AT CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR STATE PRIMARY ELECTION IN SEPTEMBER 2637

REGISTERED VOTERS AT CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2729

Births recorded in Wenham in 2008	20
Marriages recorded in Wenham in 2008	8
Deaths recorded in Wenham in 2008	24

FEES TO THE TOWN OF WENHAM FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2008 FOR THE SALES OF: Recycling Permits, Recycling Bins; Small Business Certificates (DBA's); Raffle Permits; Street Lists; Marriage Licenses; Certified Copies of Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates; Dog Tags and Licenses; Voter Lists and Dog Lists; miscellaneous requirements: $6513.00

FEES TO THE TOWN OF WENHAM AND TO THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS FROM JANUARY 2008 TO DECEMBER FOR SALES OF HUNTING, FISHING, SPORTING AND TRAPPING LICENSES

Reimbursement to the State of Massachusetts	$397.25
Reimbursement to the Town of Wenham	$ 8.50

Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
January 22, 2008

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Tuesday the twenty-second of January, 2008, at seven-thirty in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1: Purchase of Land for Affordable Housing and Open Space

To see what action the Town will authorize the Selectmen to take with respect to the exercise, payment, and determination of use or disposition of the land pursuant to an option to purchase a parcel of land consisting 13.46 acres located off Topsfield Road at the Beverly line, as shown on a Map as the Option Parcel on file with the Town clerk, from National Grid under an option agreement dated March 11, 2004,

- [with respect to payment] whether to appropriate the funds to exercise the Town's purchase option by paying the price for the Option Parcel from, and in an amount up to $703,000, the Affordable Housing Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account donated to the Town by Windover Development for the general purpose of increasing the affordable housing stock within the Town of Wenham;
- [with respect to use of the land] whether to set aside approximately three [3] acres of the land shown on said Map as the Affordable Housing Parcel for the creation of up to three affordable housing units or for sale to fund affordable housing in the Town, and to restrict the use of all or some portion of the remaining land shown on the parcel Map for open space, drinking water protection, passive recreation and conservation under the custody of the Conservation Commission;
- [with respect to use and disposition of the Affordable Housing Parcel] whether to enter into an agreement with Habitat for Humanity for transfer of ownership of the Affordable Housing Parcel in exchange for the construction and restricted sale of two or three units of affordable housing to be constructed by and at the expense of Habitat for Humanity;

All as described in greater detail in a Supplemental Overview exhibit to this article;

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: Sale of Land To Salem and Beverly Water Supply Board

To see whether the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement transferring ownership of a portion of the remaining land acquired under Article One, as shown on a map on file with the Town Clerk, to the Salem and Beverly Water Supply Board together with an easement in common with the Town for access to the shore of Wenham Lake in exchange for consideration consisting of an agreement to waive any claim to any of the three building lots allowed under the Dearborn Estate restrictions applicable to the National Grid land, and a sum of money to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, which amount shall be set aside for affordable housing purposes of the Town;

or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 3: Liquor License Amendment - Caterer License – Legislative Petition

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special act amending Chapter 381 of the Acts of 2006 entitled "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WENHAM TO GRANT CERTAIN LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES", by inserting in Section 1 thereof, which is reprinted below, the following sentence indicated in underlining:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the town of Wenham may grant 4 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises under section 12 of said chapter 138 to restaurants having seating capacities of less than 100 and not containing a lounge or bar. One such license may be granted to an operator of a catering business, which business is located on the same premises as the restaurant, for the storage of alcoholic beverages reasonably incidental to the receipt, transportation and delivery of such beverages to any of such operator's customers in the ordinary course of such operator's business, provided that such operator obtains a permit from the alcoholic beverages control commission under section 22 of said chapter 138 . The serving of alcoholic beverages by a licensee under this section shall be incidental to the serving of meals. The licenses shall be subject to all of said chapter 138, except said section 17. Once issued, a license granted under this section shall not be transferred to any other location and no license shall be re-issued to the same location within 6 months from the date the prior license terminated unless the applicant files a letter in writing from the department of revenue with the local licensing authority indicating the prior licensee's good standing with said department;

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: One-Day Liquor License Amendment– Legislative Petition

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special act amending Chapter 381 of the Acts of 2006 entitled "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WENHAM TO GRANT CERTAIN LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES", by striking from Section 2 thereof, which is reprinted below, the following provisions indicated in strikethrough:

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the town of Wenham may grant 10 one day special licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises under section 14 of said chapter 138 ~~to restaurants having seating capacities of less than 100 and not containing a lounge or bar. The serving of alcoholic beverages shall be incidental to the serving of meals~~. The licenses shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17. Once issued, a license granted under this section shall not be transferred to any other location ~~and no license shall be re-issued to the same location within 6 months from the date the prior license terminated unless the applicant files a letter in writing from the department of revenue with the local licensing authority indicating the prior licensee's good standing with the department~~.

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To Act on Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before This Meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof: one at the junction of Friend Court and Main Street; one at the junction of Topsfield Road and Maple Street; one at the junction of Larch Row, Walnut Road and Dodge's Row; and one at the junction of Grapevine Road and Hull Street seven days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 2ND day of JANUARY, 2008.

John A. Clemenzi

Peter A. Hersee

Lawrence D. Swartz

"In pursuance of the above written warrant I have this 03 day of 01, 2008, posted the attested copies thereof as directed therein."

A TRUE COPY
ATTEST:

Constable of the Town of Wenham

Date: 01/03/08

Town of Wenham
January 22, 2008 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
ARTICLES 1 & 2 – SUPPLEMENTAL OVERVIEW

This document is offered as a general overview of the understanding developed between the Wenham Board of Selectmen, Wenham Planning Board, National Grid, and Habitat For Humanity as it relates to Article 1 and 2, appearing at the January 22, 2008 Special Town Meeting.

1. The Wenham Planning Board, at their Dec. 20, 2007 meeting, voted to accept a gift of $703,000 from Windover Development in satisfaction of the required development of two (2) affordable housing units in association with the approved senior condominium development known as "The Boulders." The financial gift was accepted with the condition that such funds be utilized to increase the available stock of affordable housing within Wenham.

2. The Wenham Board of Selectmen and National Grid have agreed to create and execute a modified "Option Agreement" that will allow the town of Wenham to either purchase the 13.46 acre, parcel of land located off of Topsfield Road (Rte. 97) and previously held within the larger property known as the Dearborn Estate, or to assign purchase rights to a designee(s);

3. The Wenham Board of Selectmen have scheduled a January 22, 2008 Special Town Meeting for the purpose of seeking authorization for the following:
   a. **(Art. 1)** To purchase the subject property from National Grid using the $703,000 gifted to the Town by Windover Development;
   b. **(Art. 1)** To sell to Habitat for Humanity (HFH), for the consideration of $1, three (3) acres of land located in the northwest corner of the site, as depicted on the attached concept plan titled "Property Distribution Plan;"
   c. **(Art. 2)** To sell to the Salem and Beverly Water Supply Board, under terms acceptable to the Wenham Board of Selectmen, the southern portion of the subject land, containing approximately 5 acres and as depicted on the attached concept plan titled "Property Distribution Plan." All proceeds from said sale to be deposited into an affordable housing gift account for the promotion of increased affordable housing stock within the Town of Wenham;" and

4.. HFH has agreed to purchase the subject three (3) acre parcel of land with the understanding that up to three affordable housing units are to be developed on this land over a 3 year period of time. HFH relies upon volunteer labor and donated funds and materials to construct affordable units. Therefore, the process can take up to 1 year to build each unit. In the event that HFH is unable to secure the necessary permits for the construction of the specified affordable units within 3 years of signing of the land sale agreement, the unused portion(s) of property will automatically revert back to the ownership of the Town of Wenham.

All such action, or any portion thereof, is subject to a vote of authorization from the January 22, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

CONCEPT PLAN

DEARBORN PROPERTY

TOWN OF WENHAM OPTION PARCEL

PROPERTY DISTRIBUTION PLAN

(January 22, 2008 Special Town Meeting)

TOPSFIELD ROAD
(PUBLIC – VARIABLE WIDTH)

N26°39'10"E 483.85

R=660.00
L=45.20
Δ=03°55'27"

R=660.00
L=200.39±
Δ=17°23'47"

N57°05'11"E 234.62

77.85
N64°30'32"E

87.85
N64°30'32"E

S65°17'53"E
281.79

TOWN/CITY LINE

Habitat for Humanity
Affordable Housing Parcel

Δ=26°55'40"
R=950.00
L=446.48

R=950.00
L=339.85
Δ=20°29'48"

ECSB

R=950.00
L=106.63
Δ=06°25'52"

Rte. 97

N00°16'30"W 449.00'

EXISTING 20' WIDE WATER LINE EASEMENT

WENHAM
BEVERLY

APPROXIMATE EDGE OF WETLAND

Town of Wenham
Retained Parcel

LIMIT OF FLOODPLAIN D

S62°41'17"E
409'± TO THE LINE)

Salem and Beverly Water Supply Board
Acquisition Parcel

Dearborn Property Located in Beverly
- Subject to Separate Negotiations -

BROOK

N21°31'20"W
186'±

N21°31'20"W
101.05

548.81
N25°12'34"E
(TIE LINE)

WENHAM LAKE

N52°11'43"E
106.52

N52°11'43"E
332.52

N51°42'25"E
306.70

N52°57'46"E
191.42

DH

N/F
DEVEN H. HAMLEN,
CHARLES H. DONER &
JONATHAN Z. LARSEN

CITY OF
BEVERLY

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TOWN OF WENHAM

MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF WENHAM
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2008
7:30PM
PERKINS AUDITORIUM, BUKER SCHOOL

PURCHASE OF LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND OPEN SPACE

ARTICLE ONE

To see what action the Town will authorize the Selectmen to take with respect to the exercise, payment, and determination of use or disposition of the land pursuant to an option to purchase a parcel of land consisting 13.46 acres located off Topsfield Road at the Beverly line, as shown on a Map as the Option Parcel on file with the Town Clerk, from National Grid under an option agreement dated March 11, 2004:

> [with respect to payment] whether to appropriate the funds to exercise the Town's purchase option by paying the price for the Option Parcel from, and in an amount up to $703,000, the Affordable Housing Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account donated to the Town by Windover Development for the general purpose of increasing the affordable housing stock within the Town;
>
> [with respect to use of the land] whether to set aside approximately three (3) acres of the land shown on said Map as the Affordable Housing Parcel for the creation of up to three affordable housing units or for sale to fund affordable housing in the Town, and to restrict the use of all or some portion of the remaining land shown on the parcel Map for open space, drinking water protection, passive recreation and conservation under the custody of the Conservation Commission;
>
> [with respect to use and disposition of the Affordable Housing Parcel] whether to enter into an agreement with Habitat for Humanity for transfer of ownership of the Affordable Housing Parcel in exchange for the construction and restricted sale of two or three units of affordable housing to be constructed by and at the expense of Habitat for Humanity;

All described in greater detail in a supplemental Overview exhibit to this article; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION

THE WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN:

1. TO EXERCISE AN OPTION TO PURCHASE FROM NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY UNDER AN OPTION AGREEMENT DATED MARCH 11, 2004 AS IT MAY BE AMENDED BY THE PARTIES, A PARCAL OF LAND IN WENHAM CONSISTING OF 13.46 ACRES LOCATED OFF TOPSFIELD ROAD AT THE BEVERLY LINE, SHOWN AS THE OPTION PARCEL ON A MAP ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK; AND

2. TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS TO EXERCISE THE TOWN'S OPTION TO PURCHASE BY PAYING THE PRICE FOR THE OPTION PARCEL IN AN AMOUNT UP TO $703,000, FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT DONATED TO THE TOWN BY WINDOVER DEVELOPMENT FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK WITHIN THE TOWN OF WENHAM; AND

3. TO SET ASIDE APPROXIMATELY THREE (3) ACRES OF THE LAND SHOWN ON SAID MAP AS AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARCEL FOR THE CREATION OF UP TO THREE SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING UNITS IN THE TOWN; AND

4. TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARCEL CONDITIONED ON, AND IN EXCHANGE FOR, THE CONSTRUCTION AND RESTRICTED SALE OF TWO OR THREE UNITS OF SINGLE FAMILY AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY, AND AT THE EXPENSE OF, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY; AND

5. TO EVALUATE POTENTIAL USES OR RESTRICTIONS FOR ALL OR SOME PORTION OF THE REMAINING LAND SHOWN ON SAID MAP, AND TO BRING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO A FUTURE TOWN MEETING FOR ACTION;

ALL SUCH ACTIONS AND AGREEMENTS TO BE ON SUCH OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE SELECTMEN MAY DETERMINE TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TOWN.

Moved by John Clemenzi, Selectman, and automatically seconded by the Board of Selectmen

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2603
QUORUM: 2% = 53
VOTERS PRESENT: 99

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED APPROVED BY A COMFORTABLE MAJORITY (2 in opposition)

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young

Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENHAM

MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF WENHAM
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2008
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PERKINS AUDITORIUM, BUKER SCHOOL

SALE OF LAND TO SALEM AND BEVERLY WATER SUPPLY BOARD

ARTICLE TWO

To see whether the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement transferring ownership of a portion of the remaining land acquired under Article One, as shown on a map on file with the Town Clerk, to the Salem and Beverly Water Supply Board together with an easement in common with the Town for access to the shore of Wenham Lake in exchange for consideration consisting of an agreement to waive any claim to any of the three building lots allowed under the Dearborn Estate restrictions applicable to the National Grid land, and a sum of money to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, which amount shall be set aside for affordable housing purposes of the Town;

or take any other action thereto.

MOTION

THE WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN PASS OVER ARTICLE TWO (2) AND TAKE NO ACTION.

MOTION DECLARED PASSED OVER BY DIRECTION OF THE MODERATOR

ATTEST: Frances Young

Frances Young, Wenham Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENHAM
MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF WENHAM
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2008
7:30 PM
PERKINS AUDITORIUM, BUKER SCHOOL

LIQUOR LICENSE AMENDMENT - CATERER LICENSE - LEGISLATIVE PETITION

ARTICLE THREE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special act amending Chapter 381 of the Acts of 2006 entitled "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WENHAM TO GRANT CERTAIN LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES", by inserting in Section 1 thereof, which is reprinted below, the following sentence indicated in underlining:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the town of Wenham may grant 4 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises under section 12 of said chapter 138 to restaurants having seating capacities of less than 100 and not containing a lounge or bar. <u>One such license may be granted to an operator of a catering business, which business is located on the same premises as the restaurant, for the storage of alcoholic beverages reasonably incidental to the receipt, transportation and delivery of such beverages to any of such operator's customers in the ordinary course of such operator's business, provided that such operator obtains a permit from the alcoholic beverages control commission under section 22 of said chapter 138.</u> The serving of alcoholic beverages by a licensee under this section shall be incidental to the serving of meals. The licenses shall be subject to all of said chapter 138, except said section 17. Once issued, a license under this section shall not be transferred to any other location and no license shall be re-issued to the same location within 6 months from the date the prior license terminated unless the applicant files a letter in writing from the department of revenue with the local licensing authority indicating the prior licensee's good standing with said department;

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION

THE WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PETITION THE GENERAL COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TO ENACT A SPECIAL ACT AMENDING CHAPTER 381 OF THE ACTS OF 2006 ENTITLED "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WENHAM TO GRANT CERTAIN LICENSES FOR THE SALE

OF ALCHOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES", BY INSERTING IN SECTION 1 THEREOF, WHICH IS REPRINTED ON PAGE TWO (2) OF THE WARRANT FOR THIS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, THE SENTENCE INDICATED IN UNDERLINING ALSO APPEARING ON PAGE TWO (2) OF SAID WARRANT.

Moved by Lawrence Swartz, Selectman, and automatically seconded by the Board of Selectmen

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2603
QUORUM: 2% = 53
VOTERS PRESENT: 99

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE MODERATOR

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young

Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENHAM
MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF WENHAM
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2008
7:30 PM
PERKINS AUDITORIUM, BUKER SCHOOL

ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSE AMENDMENT - LEGISLATIVE PETITION

ARTICLE FOUR

To see if the Town of Wenham will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special act amending Chapter 381 of the Acts of 2006 entitled "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WENHAM TO GRANT CERTAIN LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES", by striking from Section 2 thereof, which is reprinted below, the following provisions indicated in strikethrough:

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the town of Wenham may grant 10 one day special licenses for the sale of all alcholic beverages to be drunk on the premises under section 14 of said chapter 138 ~~to restaurants having seating capacities of less than 100 and not containing a ounge or bar. The serving of alcoholic beverages shall be incidental to the serving of meals.~~ The licenses shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17. Once issued, a license granted under this section shall not be transferred to any other location ~~and no license shall be re-issued within 6 months from the date the prior license terminated unless the applicant files a letter in writing from the department of revenue with the local licensing authority indicating the prior licensee's good standing with the department.~~

MOTION

THE WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PETITION THE GENERAL COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TO ENACT A SPECIAL ACT AMENDING CHAPTER 381 OF THE ACTS OF 2006 ENTITLED "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WENHAM TO GRANT CERTAIN LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCHOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES", BY STRIKING FROM SECTION TWO (2) THEREOF, WHICH IS REPRINTED ON PAGE THREE (3) OF THE WARRANT FOR THIS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, THE PROVISIONS INDICATED IN STRIKETHROUGH ALSO APPEARING ON PAGE THREE(3) OF SAID WARRANT.

Moved by Peter Hersee, Selectman, and automatically seconded by the Board of Selectmen

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 2603
QUORUM: 2% = 53
VOTERS PRESENT: 99

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE MODERATOR

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

ESSEX, SS

To the Constable of the Town of Wenham

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said towr who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at:

PRECINT 1
BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL, 1 SCHOOL STREET

on **TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpc

To cast their votes in the Presidential Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following office

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE .....FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
STATE COMMITTEE MAN .....FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX SENATORIA DISTRICT
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN.....FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX SENATORIA DISTRICT
TOWN COMMITTEE.....WENHAM

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 15th day of January, 2008.

Selectmen of: **WENHAM**

I have this day posted printed, attested copies of this warrant as directed by the Selectmen:

Constable

01/20, 2008
(Month / Day)

Warrant must be posted by **January 29, 2008**, (at leas or to the **February 5, 2008** Presidential Preference Primary).

Party: **DEMOCRAT**

Office Name: **PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE**
District Name: 0001 **STATEWIDE**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
1	JOHN R. EDWARDS	**10**
2	HILLARY CLINTON	**328**
3	JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.	**2**
4	CHRISTOPHER J. DODD	**2**
5	MIKE GRAVEL	**1**
6	BARACK OBAMA	**395**
7	DENNIS J. KUCINICH	**2**
8	BILL RICHARDSON	**3**
*	AL GORE	**0**
*	HILARY CLINTON	**0**
*	J LIEBERMAN	**0**
*	JOHN MCCAIN	**0**
*	MIKE HUCKABEE	**0**
*	MITT ROMNEY	**0**
*	NO PREFERENCE	**1**
*	RON PAUL	**0**
	All Others	**1**
	Blanks	**1**
	Total Votes Cast	**746**

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Office Name: **STATE COMMITTEE MAN**
District Name: 0027 **FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
1	DANIEL J. LAUZON	**478**
	All Others	**2**
	Blanks	**266**
	Total Votes Cast	**746**

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Party: **DEMOCRAT**

Office Name:		**STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN**
District Name:	0027	**FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**
Town Name:	320	**WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
1	KATHLEEN A. PASQUINA	**488**
	All Others	**2**
	Blanks	**256**
	Total Votes Cast	**746**

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Party: **GREEN-RAINBOW**

Office Name: **PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE**
District Name: 0001 **STATEWIDE**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
1	JARED BALL	0
2	RALPH NADER	0
3	ELAINE BROWN	0
4	KAT SWIFT	0
5	CYNTHIA McKINNEY	0
6	KENT MESPLAY	0
*	BARACK OBAMA	0
*	HILLARY CLINTON	0
*	JOHN MCCAIN	0
*	NO PREFERENCE	0
*	RON PAUL	0
	All Others	0
	Blanks	0
	Total Votes Cast	0

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Office Name: **STATE COMMITTEE MAN**
District Name: 0027 **FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
	No Nomination	0
	All Others	0
	Blanks	0
	Total Votes Cast	0

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Party: **GREEN-RAINBOW**

Office Name:		**STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN**
District Name:	0027	**FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**
Town Name:	320	**WENHAM**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	**0**
All Others	**0**
Blanks	**0**
Total Votes Cast	**0**

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Party: **REPUBLICAN**

Office Name: **PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE**
District Name: 0001 **STATEWIDE**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
1	JOHN McCAIN	**316**
2	FRED THOMPSON	**1**
3	TOM TANCREDO	**0**
4	DUNCAN HUNTER	**0**
5	MIKE HUCKABEE	**26**
6	MITT ROMNEY	**365**
7	RON PAUL	**19**
8	RUDY GIULIANI	**0**
*	ALAN KEYES	**0**
*	BARACK OBAMA	**0**
*	BARACK OBAMA	**0**
*	HILLARY CLINTON	**0**
*	NO PREFERENCE	**2**
	All Others	**0**
	Blanks	**1**
	Total Votes Cast	**730**

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Office Name: **STATE COMMITTEE MAN**
District Name: 0027 **FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
1	JOHN N. RACHO	**466**
	All Others	**1**
	Blanks	**263**
	Total Votes Cast	**730**

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Party: **REPUBLICAN**

Office Name:		**STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN**
District Name:	0027	**FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**
Town Name:	320	**WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
1	CHRISTINA A. BAIN	**458**
	All Others	**2**
	Blanks	**270**
	Total Votes Cast	**730**

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Party: **WORKING FAMILIES**

Office Name: **PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE**
District Name: 0001 **STATEWIDE**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
*	BARACK OBAMA	0
*	HILLARY CLINTON	0
*	JOHN MCCAIN	1
*	MITT ROMNEY	0
*	NO PREFERENCE	0
	All Others	0
	Blanks	0
	Total Votes Cast	1

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Office Name: **STATE COMMITTEE MAN**
District Name: 0027 **FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	0
All Others	0
Blanks	1
Total Votes Cast	1

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Party: **WORKING FAMILIES**

Office Name: **STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN**
District Name: 0027 **FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	**0**
All Others	**0**
Blanks	**1**
Total Votes Cast	**1**

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TOWN OF WENHAM
MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF WENHAM
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
FEBRUARY 5, 2008

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE FOR DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

BLANKS	20722
KELLY PENDLETON-SANTOS	404
ELIZABETH CRAIG-MCCORMACK	428
GLEN MCCORMACK	400
JOSEPH SANTOS	407
WRITE-INS	19

ALL WRITE-INS RECEIVED ONE VOTE EACH, WHICH DOES NOT QUALIFY THEM FOR SERVICE ON THE TOWN COMMITTEE. ALSO, SOME WERE FROM OTHER PARTIES OR UNENROLLED.

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young

Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

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TOWN OF WENHAM
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
FEBRUARY 5, 2008

GREEN-RAINBOW STATE COMMITTEE

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE FOR TOWN COMMITTEE

BLANKS	0
WRITE-INS	0

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

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WRITE-INS FOR REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE	CERTIFICATION OF VOTE
John A. Bianchi	1
Martin Croyle	1
Harriet Davis	16
Dorothy Maciejowski	17
~~Joan Erhard~~	~~15~~
Joe Robbins	16
Jayne Robbins	13
Donald Costin	21
Joan Erhard	~~14~~ 15
A. Winslow Dodge	1
James G. Perkins	1
Paul E. Mendonca	1
Maureen Flores	1
Win Dodge	3
Dana Bagnell	1
Brent Morong	1
Matthew Amorello	1
Blanks	7

WRITE-INS WHO ARE NO PARTY AND NOT QUALIFIED	
Wendy Campbell	10
John Clemenzi	1
Alden H. Drake	1

WRITE-IN WHO DID NOT REGISTER IN TIME	
Thomas Tanous	6

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENHAM
MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF WENHAM
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
FEBRUARY 5, 2008

WORKING FAMILIES PARTY STATE COMMITTEE

CERTIFICATION OF VOTE FOR TOWN COMMITTEE

BLANKS	10
WRITE-INS	0

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
May 3, 2008

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Saturday the third of May, 2008, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles. "Article One," the election of officers to be by official ballot from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 NOON; the remaining articles to be acted upon at 1:00 P.M., and if not completed, the meeting to be reconvened on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 7:30 P.M., at the Bessie Buker School; and to vote on ballot questions at the Special Election on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at the Buker School in said town between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1: Election of Town Officers

Moderator, for one year; Town Clerk, for one year; one Selectman for three years; one Assessor for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; one Board of Health for 3 years; one Housing Authority for five years; Tree Warden for one year; one Planning Board member for five years; one Planning Board member for three years; one Water Commissioner for three years; one Hamilton Wenham Library Trustee for three years; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: Budget Appropriations

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray the Town expense of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2009) beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

ARTICLE 3: Cemetery and Other Trust Funds

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust Funds received in FY2008, as printed in Part I of the Town Reports, and on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 4: Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding

To vote from available funds under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, the sum of $115,454 for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

ARTICLE 5: Leveling Tax Rate

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Available Funds or Overlay Surplus to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009.

ARTICLE 6: CPA Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation budget; to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2009; and to approve the appropriation to expend or set aside the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, a sum of money for recreational use, a sum of money for the preservation of historic resources, and a sum of money for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: Capital Override

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, said sum to be raised contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (i-1/2), to be used to fund capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of one Police cruiser, Highway Department backhoe, catch basin replacements, two garage door replacements at Highway Garage, and a Fire Station tight tank, or take any other action relative thereto; such referendum question to be voted upon by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at the Buker School in said Town between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $153,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of one Police cruiser, Highway Department backhoe, catch basin replacements, two garage door replacements at Highway Garage, and a Fire Station tight tank for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008?"

ARTICLE 8: Operating Budget – Regional School District.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C (g), and also contingent upon the Town of Hamilton appropriating its proportionate share, to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated for annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District to meet the Town's share of the total operating budget of the District which is approved and funded by the Town of Wenham, or to take any other action thereto. The ballot vote on approval of this appropriation will take place on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at the Buker School, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $601,267 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2008?"

ARTICLE 9: Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to withdraw $15,000 from the Cemetery Perpetual Care trust fund, after July 1, 2008 and before June 30, 2009, and transfer and deposit said funds into the General Fund. The purpose of the transfer is to subsidize the Highway Department expenditures for the care and operation of the two cemeteries in the Town of Wenham, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: Storm Water Management By-law

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws by adding a new Chapter XXII, entitled "Storm Water Management By-law", in a form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection; or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11: Water Resource Protection Bylaw Amendment.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wenham Water Resources Protection Bylaw, Chapter XVIII, in a form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection; or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12: Water Use Restriction Bylaw Amendment.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wenham Water Use Restriction Bylaw, Chapter XXI, in a form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection; or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To Act on Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before This Meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof: one at the junction of Friend Court and Main Street; one at the junction of Topsfield Road and Maple Street; one at the junction of Larch Row, Walnut Road and Dodge's Row; and one at the junction of Grapevine Road and Hull Street seven days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 8 day of April, 2008.

John A. Clemenzi

Peter A. Hersee

Lawrence Swartz

"In pursuance of the above written warrant I have this 16th day of April, 2008, posted the attested copies thereof as directed therein."

A TRUE COPY
ATTEST:

Constable of the Town of Wenham

Date: 4/16/08

LEGAL NOTICE

WARRANT FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Essex, ss.

To the Secretary of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District Committee:

GREETING:

You are hereby directed to notify the registered voters of the towns of Hamilton and Wenham Essex County, Massachusetts, of the election of members to the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District Committee. In Wenham, the election will be held at the Buker Elementary School on Saturday, May 3, 2008. The polling place shall be opened at 8:00 a.m. and shall remain open until 12 Noon. In Hamilton, the election will be held at the Winthrop Elementary School on Thursday, May 15, 2008. The polling place shall be opened at 7:00 a.m. and shall remain open until 8:00 p.m. The number of members elected shall be three members for a term of three years and you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in at least one public place in each of the member towns of Hamilton and Wenham and by publishing at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the district seven days at least before the election date.

Given under our hands this 10th day of April in the year 2008.

A majority of the members of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District Committee.

Jack O'Keefe, Secretary

TOWN OF WENHAM

MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008
8:00AM - NOON
BUKER SCHOOL

MODERATOR	
Paul D. Weaver	232
Blanks	26
Write-ins	1
Total	259
TOWN CLERK	
Frances Harte Young	232
Blanks	25
Write-ins	2
Total	259
SELECTMAN	
Harriet P. Davis	191
Blanks	57
Write-ins	11
Total	259
ASSESSOR	
Blanks	241
Write-ins	18
Total	269
PLANNING BOARD	
David E. Geikie	225
Blanks	34
Write-ins	0
Total	259
PLANNING BOARD	
Minot A. Frye	212
Blanks	47
Write-ins	0
TREE WARDEN	
Pierre B. Erhard II	225
Blanks	34
Write-ins	1

BOARD OF HEALTH	
Dorothy D. Maciejowski	219
Blanks	40
Write-ins	0
Total	259
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	
Dorothy D. Maciejowski	223
Blanks	35
Write-ins	1
Total	259
WATER COMMISSIONER	
Richard K. Quateman	218
Blanks	40
Write-ins	1
Total	259
HOUSING AUTHORITY	
James J. Stelline	228
Blanks	31
Write-ins	0
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	
Blanks	224
Write-ins	35
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE	
Richard Boroff	176
Catherine Harrison	180
Lauren S. Prior	188
Blanks	228
Write-ins	5

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENHAM
MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF WENHAM
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION AND HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTION
(School Ballots impounded to Thursday, May 15, 2008)

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST 259

Vote for three

RICHARD L. BOROFF	176
CATHERINE A. HARRISON	180
LAUREN S. PRIOR	188
WRITE-IN VOTES	4
BLANKS	229
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST (777 DIVIDED BY 3)	259

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young

Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

TOWN OF HAMILTON

TOWN HALL
HAMILTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01936
978-468-5570

The following is a certified copy of the Hamilton Wenham School Committee vote taken at the Town of Hamilton, Annual Town Election held on Thursday, May 15, 2008 from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM at the Winthrop School.

Total Ballots Cast 2,809

Hamilton Wenham School Committee
Vote for three ----- 3 year term

Richard L. Boroff	1,705
Catherine A. Harrison	1,727
Lauren S. Prior	1,823
Write-in Votes	38
Blanks	3,134
Total Ballots Cast (8,427 divided by 3)	2,809

A True Copy: **Attest:**

Jane M. Wetson

Jane M. Wetson, CMMC
Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENHAM
MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF WENHAM
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008
1:00PM
BUKER SCHOOL

ARTICLE TWO Budget Appropriations

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray the Town expense of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2009) beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN RAISE AND APPROPRIATE, OR TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS, THE FOLLOWING SUMS FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES DESIGNATED, AND THAT THE SAME BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR SUCH PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; PROVIDED IN THE CASE OF SUMS DESIGNATED TO FUND THE TOWN'S SHARE OF OPERATING JOINT REGIONAL AND INTER-MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS WITH THE TOWN OF HAMILTON, THAT HAMILTON VOTES TO APPROVE AND FUND ITS SHARE AS PROVIDED IN THE APPLICABLE AGREEMENTS; ALL SAID EXPENDITURES TO BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN.

Moved by John O. Wilhelm, Jr., Chairman of the Finance and Advisory Committee, and supported by the Board of Selectmen

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL VOTERS: 2683
QUORUM: 5% = 134
VOTERS PRESENT: 466

VOTER CARDS

NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actual 7/1/04 6/30/05	Actual 7/1/05 6/30/06	Actual 7/1/06 6/30/07	Budgeted 7/1/07 6/30/08	Fin Comm Recommends 7/1/08 6/30/09
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
114	**MODERATOR**					
114-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	0	50	50
122	**SELECTMEN**					
122-5100	SALARIES	10,812	10,812	10,812	10,812	10,812
	(Chairman @ $4,266/year, 2 Members @ $3,273/year)					
122-5200	EXPENSES	2,942	1,934	2,000	2,000	2,000
		13,754	12,746	12,812	12,812	12,812
123	**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**					
123-5100	SALARY (@ $93,456/year)	76,220	85,855	90,825	90,821	93,456
123-5200	EXPENSES	5,692	2,490	2,500	2,500	2,500
		81,912	88,345	93,325	93,321	95,956
131	**FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**					
131-5200	EXPENSES	135	195	152	250	250
132	**RESERVE FUND MGL C.40, S.6**					
132-5700	RESERVE FUND	160,536	104,188	0	135,000	150,000
135	**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**					
135-5100	SALARY (@ $49,189/year)	69,730	71,484	45,200	47,756	49,189
135-5200	EXPENSES	3,894	2,744	3,966	3,400	2,040
135-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES		1,500	1,209	500	500
		73,624	75,728	50,375	51,656	51,729
139	**MUNICIPAL AUDIT**					
139-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Municipal Audit	16,000	16,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
141	**ASSESSORS**					
141-5100	SALARY & WAGES	54,587	56,124	71,636	75,342	77,937
	Chief Assessor @ ($59,586/year + $200 longevity)					
	Assessing Clerk @ ($19.138 / hr 18 hrs /wk)					
	and ($100 longevity)					
141-5200	EXPENSES	8,856	15,735	11,056	9,450	9,450
141-5800	CAPITAL	0				
		63,443	71,859	82,692	84,792	87,387

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actual 7/1/04 6/30/05	Actual 7/1/05 6/30/06	Actual 7/1/06 6/30/07	Budgeted 7/1/07 6/30/08	Fin Comm Recommends 7/1/08 6/30/09
145	**FINANCE DIRECTOR, TREASURER / COLLECTOR**					
145-5100	SALARY & WAGES	64,717	73,916	97,483	103,125	108,660
	(Finance Director, Treasurer / Collector @ $64,824/year)					
	(Asst. Collector @ $42,436/yr) + Cov.($1,400)					
145-5200	EXPENSES	4,800	6,030	11,449	7,950	9,450
145-5200	TAX TITLE			891	5,000	4,000
145-5300	GASB 45 ACTUARIAL STUDY	6,084	2,723			8,000
145-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	9,181	12,010	11,843	14,700	14,700
145-5710	OTHER - Borrowing Costs	0				
		84,782	94,679	121,666	130,775	144,810
151	**TOWN COUNSEL / LEGAL**					
151-5200	EXPENSES	320,000				
151-5210	CONTRACT SERVICE - RETAINER	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
151-5220	CONTRACT SERVICE - OUTSIDE COUNSEL	49,603	41,574	41,515	20,000	15,000
151-5700	OTHER		0	0	0	0
		376,603	48,574	48,515	27,000	22,000
155	**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**					
155-5100	SALARY & WAGES	0				
155-5200	EXPENSES	14,211	15,745	16,550	16,550	22,050
155-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	35,642	46,895	47,590	48,205	45,790
155-5700	OTHER (GIS Programs; Web Page Host)	13,175	14,441	4,992	5,000	3,000
155-5800	CAPITAL				4,500	4,500
		63,028	77,081	69,132	74,255	75,340
160	**TOWN HALL**					
159-5100	SALARY & WAGES	65,756	87,423	89,209	94,764	98,035
	(Permit Office @ $41,250/yr + $400 longevity)					
	(Admin. Asst. @ $42,016/yr + $100 longevity)					
	(Maint Suprvsr @ 10 hrs/wk @ $19.51/hr + $309)					
159-5200	EXPENSES	53,006	41,097	47,474	54,595	57,800
159-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE					
159-5310	Minutes Clerk & Grant Writer	9,906	8,000	8,600	14,800	10,000
159-5320	Cleaning Service	0				25,000
159-5700	OTHER	9,000	0	0		0
159-5800	CAPITAL	0	0	0		
		137,668	136,520	145,283	164,159	190,835

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actual 7/1/04 6/30/05	Actual 7/1/05 6/30/06	Actual 7/1/06 6/30/07	Budgeted 7/1/07 6/30/08	Fin Comm Recommends 7/1/08 6/30/09
161	**TOWN CLERK**					
161-5100	SALARY (@ $45,766/yr + $300 longevity)	40,844	41,961	43,001	44,733	46,066
161-5200	EXPENSES	765	308	1,881	1,700	1,400
		41,609	42,269	44,882	46,433	47,466
162	**ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION**					
162-5100	WAGES	4,383	3,147	2,897	2,950	2,950
162-5200	EXPENSES	9,483	8,207	8,782	15,275	18,025
162-5700	OTHER	0				
		13,866	11,353	11,679	18,225	20,975
171	**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**					
171-5100	WAGES (@ $21.50/hour - 19.5 hrs. per wk)	16,258	16,046	15,217	21,159	21,965
171-5200	EXPENSES	2,550	3,340	4,029	4,435	3,759
	WATER RESOURCE & WETLAND PROT. BY-LAW				2,250	
		18,808	19,386	19,246	27,844	25,724
175	**PLANNING BOARD**					
175-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	1,545	1,515	1,545	1,545	1,545
175-5200	EXPENSES	0	925	187	500	500
		1,545	2,440	1,732	2,045	2,045
176	**BOARD OF APPEALS**					
176-5100	WAGES (Stipend - Clerk)	515	515	515	515	515
176-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	19	150	500
		515	515	534	665	1,015
195	**TOWN REPORT**					
195-5200	EXPENSES	8,534	7,240	7,784	7,500	7,000
198	**COMMUNITY/REC BUILDING**					
198-5100	WAGES	0				
198-5200	EXPENSES	3,481	4,649	3,653	7,300	4,000
198-5310	CONTRACT SERVICES - Cleaning					
		3,481	4,649	3,653	7,300	4,000

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actual 7/1/04 6/30/05	Actual 7/1/05 6/30/06	Actual 7/1/06 6/30/07	Budgeted 7/1/07 6/30/08	Fin Comm Recommends 7/1/08 6/30/09
199	**IRON RAIL PROPERTY**					
199-5100	SALARY & WAGES	6,288	4,986	0	1,827	1,882
199-5200	EXPENSES	13,013	5,018	22,490	29,250	29,250
199-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,617	5,858	12,846	17,307	17,307
199-5800	CAPITAL	1,573	0	0	1,500	5,000
		22,491	15,862	35,336	49,884	53,439
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,182,334	829,630	766,798	951,966	1,010,833
	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
210	**POLICE**					
210-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Chief @ $80,459 - base/year + $300 longevity)	841,700	859,461	870,513	884,843	933,772
210-5200	EXPENSES	55,896	61,028	66,218	66,726	98,661
210-5800	CAPITAL	30,000	31,346	32,806	20,840	0
	Issues of Significance - Current FC - 2 car leases					
		927,596	951,835	969,537	972,409	1,032,433
215	**POLICE STATION**					
215-5200	EXPENSES				5,500	30,500
215-5800	CAPITAL					0
					5,500	30,500
220	**FIRE**					
220-5100	SALARIES & STIPENDS (Chief @ $57,564 per ,year) (Fire Prevention Officer @ $56,325/year)	134,967	146,393	149,065	164,374	177,988
220-5110	ON-CALL WAGES	155,682	147,840	170,139	140,000	150,000
220-5200	EXPENSES	60,494	47,379	58,191	63,000	63,350
220-5700	TRAINING (Wages & Expenses)	42,686	39,121	38,293	55,697	40,773
220-5800	CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0
		393,829	380,733	415,688	423,071	432,111
225	**FIRE STATION**					
225-5200	EXPENSES					30,705
225-5800	CAPITAL					0
					0	30,705

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231	**AMBULANCE SERVICE**					
231-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	38,980	41,480	43,980	46,480	48,980
241	**BUILDING INSPECTOR**					
241-5100	SALARIES	16,459	16,419	18,095	19,343	19,876
	(Building Inspector @ $18,276/year)					
	(Asst. Building Inspector @ $1,600/year)					
241-5200	EXPENSES	325	0	0	200	200
		16,784	16,419	18,095	19,543	20,076
243	**PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**					
243-5100	SALARY (@ $4,327/year)	3,882	3,979	4,079	4,201	4,327
243-5200	EXPENSES	70	300	149	300	300
		3,952	4,279	4,228	4,501	4,627
245	**ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR**					
245-5100	SALARY & WAGES	8,579	8,793	9,014	10,484	10,799
	(Electrical Inspector @ $10,799/year)					
245-5200	EXPENSES	306	40	300	450	450
		8,885	8,833	9,314	10,934	11,249
249	**MUNICIPAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS**					
249-5200	EXPENSES	0	768	522	1,500	1,500
249-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	858	175	721	1,500	1,500
249-5800	CAPITAL	0				0
		858	943	1,243	3,000	3,000
291	**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE**					
291-5200	EXPENSES	1,967	1,689	471	2,000	1,500
	Issues of Significance - Emergency Management $37,000					
292	**ANIMAL CONTROL**					
292-5100	SALARIES	8,200	8,561	8,616	11,874	12,981
	(Animal Control Officer @ $6,775/year)					
	(Deer Officer @ $3,116/year)					
	(Beaver Control @ $3,090/year)					
292-5200	EXPENSES	21	522	530	750	750
		8,221	9,083	9,146	12,624	13,731

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294	**TREE WARDEN**					
294-5100	SALARY (@ $1,466/year)	1,315	1,348	1,382	1,424	1,466
294-5200	EXPENSES	346	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
294-5300	CONTRACT SERVCE	16,261	26,509	26,650	30,000	20,000
294-5700	OTHER - Tree Planting/Replacement - Spraying	678	1,760	1,461	2,000	1,461
		18,600	31,417	31,293	35,224	24,727
298	**POLICE & FIRE STATION**					
298-5100	SALARIES & WAGES					
298-5200	EXPENSES	21,023	19,350	27,575	29,822	0
298-5700	OTHER	0				
298-5800	CAPITAL	0				0
		21,023	19,350	27,575	29,822	0
299	**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER**					
299-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Administration Fee to Hamilton of $14,192)	162,551	153,585	159,208	170,182	178,096
299-5700	OTHER	0				
299-5800	CAPITAL	0			0	0
		162,551	153,585	159,208	170,182	178,096
	TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	1,603,246	1,619,646	1,689,778	1,735,290	1,831,735
	SCHOOLS					
310	**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
310-5200	ASSESSMENT - Wenham Share	5,017,781	5,408,166	5,787,292	6,048,568	6,423,592
315	**SCHOOL DEBT**					
315-5900	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1991 School Addition/Repairs)	65,857	66,285	64,533	67,281	67,682
315-5910	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (1997 New Middle School)	217,467	212,951	212,053	259,056	262,235
315-5920	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST (2002 Boiler)	50,339	49,441	48,653	47,953	47,467
		333,663	328,677	325,239	374,290	377,384
	Total Hamilton/Wenham Regional School	5,351,444	5,736,843	6,112,531	6,422,858	6,800,976
320	**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**					
320-5200	EXPENSES (WENHAM'S SHARE)	55,489	44,978	37,530	27,861	33,564
	TOTAL SCHOOLS	5,406,933	5,781,821	6,150,061	6,450,719	6,834,540

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	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS					
422	**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**					
422-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	384,147	387,489	409,036	451,105	465,189
	(DPW Director @ $79,248/yr.)					
	(Foreman @ $27.90/hr-24/hrs + $400 longevity)					
	Foreman shared w/water dept.					
	(Other Wages @ $17.20-$23.42/hour)					
422-5200	EXPENSES	33,623	26,854	33,606	35,000	33,400
422-5700	STREET MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	59,222	60,379	53,924	62,000	76,320
422-5710	OTHER - SIDEWALKS/BIKE PATHS	23,580	12,057	29,107	0	0
422-5800	CAPITAL	29,101	26,833	12,239	42,000	0
	Reimburse from Cemetery funds $15,000					
		529,673	513,612	537,912	590,105	574,909
423	**SNOW REMOVAL**					
423-5100	WAGES	44,284	33,616	27,836	36,050	36,050
423-5200	EXPENSES	72,612	54,000	54,000	54,000	62,300
423-5800	CAPITAL	0				
		116,896	87,616	81,836	90,050	98,350
424	**STREET LIGHTING**					
424-5200	EXPENSES	33,478	36,838	43,288	48,490	48,000
429	**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**					
429-5200	EXPENSES	37,501	42,080	39,908	50,000	47,500
		37,501	42,080	39,908	50,000	47,500
433	**REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**					
433-5300	EXPENSES	235,972	223,762	258,532	279,100	256,500
491	**CEMETERY**					
491-5100	SALARIES & WAGES (Burial Agent - meetings @ $32.18/hr)	1,615	2,002	2,052	2,114	2,177
491-5200	EXPENSES (Includes Burial Agent Salary)	2,924	3,980	3,265	3,500	3,500
491-5700	OTHER - MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE	465	500	500	500	500
491-5710	OTHER - VETERAN'S GRAVES EXPENSE	200	0	200	0	200
422-5800	CAPITAL					0
		5,204	6,482	6,017	6,114	6,377

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495	**GASOLINE & OIL**					
495-5200	EXPENSES	43,988	56,118	57,931	68,688	70,500
		43,988	56,118	57,931	68,688	70,500
	TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	1,002,712	966,508	1,025,424	1,132,547	1,102,136
	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
510	**BOARD OF HEALTH**					
510-5100	SALARIES (Inspector of Animals @ $2,230/year) (Board Members - 3 @ $40 each)	2,000	2,050	2,102	2,285	2,350
510-5200	EXPENSES	1,652	1,814	827	2,800	3,300
510-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE - Health Agent @ $60/hr	9,316	10,500	10,550	16,250	16,300
510-5700	OTHER	300	0	0	2,800	2,500
		13,268	14,364	13,479	24,135	24,450
541	**COUNCIL ON AGING**					
541-5100	SALARIES (14 hrs/wk @ $15.60/hr - COA Grant $3,741)	1,360	4,606	6,963	7,527	9,067
541-5200	EXPENSES	7,639	4,455	5,854	6,900	7,300
		8,999	9,061	12,817	14,427	16,367
542	**COUNCIL ON AGING VAN**					
542-5100	SALARIES Supervisor (19 hrs/wk @ $15.60/hr) Dispatcher & Drivers (@ $11.15-$11.37/hr.)	35,027	42,897	41,584	44,704	46,392
542-5200	EXPENSES	11,202	6,750	8,700	9,580	9,800
542-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES					
542-5800	CAPITAL					
		46,229	49,647	50,284	54,284	56,192
543	**VETERAN'S BENEFITS**					
543-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	472	1,000	750
543-5210	REGIONAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	13,559	14,234	14,743	15,347	16,882
		13,559	14,234	15,215	16,347	17,632
	TOTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	82,055	87,306	91,795	109,193	114,641

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	CULTURE and RECREATION					
620	**JOINT LIBRARY**					
620-5100	SALARIES & WAGES					
5101	Director (Salary @ $63,006./yr)	58,219	56,010	58,523	61,171	63,006
	Prof Library Generalist/Grants Administrator	0	0		0	
	Subtotal Administration	58,219	56,010	58,523	61,171	63,006
5102	Head Reference (@ $34,827/year)	30,712	31,411	32,256	33,558	36,327
5103	Circulation / ILL (@ $34,311/year + $200 longevity)	29,295	30,026	30,955	32,873	35,311
5104	Young Adult Librarian (@ $34,105/year)	32,947	34,427	31,502	32,673	35,316
5105	Childrens (@ $34,313/year)	30,255	31,004	31,752	32,965	35,313
5106	Circulation (@ $38,915/yr + $200 longevity)	33,589	34,427	35,450	37,502	40,115
5107	Administrative Librarian (@ $34,107/year & $100 longevity)	29,195	29,811	31,073	32,773	35,107
5108	Technical Services (@ $45,383/year + $400 longevity)	40,393	41,392	42,369	44,128	46,283
	Subtotal Professional	226,386	232,498	235,357	246,472	263,772
5110	Support Staff - 8 Part-time Positions ($12.06-$16.08/hr)	58,268	58,283	68,016	67,960	75,952
	Clerical Assistance (19 hrs x $15 = $14,934)				13,363	14,934
	Maint. Suprvsr - 30hrs/wk. @ $19.51/hr.	18,831	19,302	19,708	20,300	31,597
	Custodian - 62.5 % of $650 clothing allowance		0	406	406	488
	2-3 Shelvers - total 20 hrs/wk. @ $8.24/hr.	5,877	9,051	8,861	9,123	8,636
	Subtotal Support	82,976	86,636	96,991	111,152	131,606
	Total Salaries	367,581	375,144	390,871	418,795	458,384
620-5200	EXPENSES					
5201	Library Books	88,000	88,351	92,000	96,784	99,750
5202	Subscriptions & Periodicals	7,992	8,000	8,000	8,950	8,950
5203	Furniture & Equipment	522				
5204	Technology	35,926	35,518	35,674	36,654	38,088
5205	General Supplies	12,100	13,191	13,265	13,265	13,265
5206	Memberships, Conference & Travel	996	1,070	1,070	1,070	1,070
5207	Programs	1,000	994	1,000	1,000	1,000
5208	Heat & Utilities	49,505	59,284	55,077	56,000	56,000
5209	Maintenance of Building & Grounds	19,402	20,820	20,820	20,820	19,820
5210	Other	0				0
	Total Expenses	215,443	227,228	226,906	234,543	237,943
620-5800	CAPITAL					
		0	0	0	7,500	4,900
	Total Capital	0	0	0	7,500	4,900
	TOTAL LIBRARY	583,024	602,372	617,777	660,838	701,227

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640	**JOINT RECREATION PROGRAM**					
640-5200	OTHER - JT. RECREATION PROGRAM EXPENSE (Includes $3,826.67 Administrative Fee to Hamilton)	61,814	54,419	54,958	56,696	48,722
		61,814	54,419	54,958	56,696	48,722
650	**PARK DEPARTMENT**					
650-5100	WAGES (Gatekeeper)	0			3,800	3,800
650-5200	EXPENSES	6,254	2,440	2,522	2,900	3,050
650-5300	CONTRACT SERVICES	650	0	260	0	0
650-5700	OTHER	0				0
		6,904	2,440	2,782	6,700	6,850
691	**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**					
691-5200	EXPENSES	0	0	144	300	300
693	**TOWN CLOCK**					
693-5100	SALARY (Clockwinder)	1,038	1,064	1,091	1,124	1,158
		1,038	1,064	1,091	1,124	1,158
699	**BAND**					
699-5200	EXPENSES	325	325	325	500	500
	TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	653,105	660,620	677,077	726,158	758,757
	FIXED CHARGES					
911	**RETIREMENT**					
911-5200	ESSEX REGIONAL RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	276,119	295,843	308,782	325,060	338,730
911-5220	FORMER EMPLOYEE PENSION	2,288	2,288	2,720	2,856	2,856
		278,407	298,131	311,502	327,916	341,586
914	**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**					
914-5200	GROUP INSURANCE (Health & Life - Town Share)	399,835	442,653	533,147	536,890	578,318
914-5220	UNEMPLOYMENT	12,266	38		500	500
914-5710	OTHER - BUY-BACK				50,000	35,000
		412,101	442,691	533,147	587,390	613,818

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916	**FICA / MEDICARE**					
916-5200	EXPENSES	27,198	27,348	28,634	30,751	35,761
945	**GENERAL INSURANCE**					
945-5200	EXPENSES	89,303	89,623	124,682	130,030	108,496
945-5201	EXPENSES - Town Hall Insurance	11,000	11,000	4,183	13,915	18,673
945-5700	DEDUCTIBLE FUND	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
		100,303	100,623	129,865	144,945	128,169
	TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	818,009	868,793	1,003,148	1,091,002	1,119,334
	TOWN DEBT - PRINCIPAL & INTEREST					
710	**PRINCIPAL**					
710-5910-1	PRINCIPAL - ROAD CONSTRUCTION					
710-5910-2	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-3	PRINCIPAL - JOINT LIBRARY	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
710-5910-4	PRINCIPAL - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
710-5910-5	PRINCIPAL - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
710-5910-6	PRINCIPAL- TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT			246,000	232,079	225,000
710-5910-7	PRINCIPAL - IRON RAIL BOILER			23,000	9,500	10,000
710-5910-8	PRINCIPAL - FIRE ENGINE (Qunit - Debt Exclusion)			40,000	50,000	55,000
710-5910-9	PRINCIPAL - Culverts BANS					0
	Subtotal - Principal	125,000	125,000	434,000	416,579	415,000
751	**INTEREST**					
751-5915-1	INTEREST - ROAD CONSTRUCTION					
751-5915-2	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Non-Debt Exclusion)	7,783	6,983	6,183	5,383	4,583
751-5915-3	INTEREST - JOINT LIBRARY	48,458	45,658	42,858	40,058	37,258
751-5915-4	INTEREST - LIBRARY LEASE/PURCHASE	12,888	12,088	11,288	10,488	9,688
751-5915-5	INTEREST - TOWN HALL PROJ ($244,000)	9,535	8,935	8,335	7,735	7,135
751-5915-6	INTEREST - TOWN HALL / POLICE PROJECT	940	1,621	12,894	185,178	160,248
751-5915-7	INTEREST - IRON RAIL BOILER	1,353	2,295	1,593	1,685	1,100
751-5915-8	INTEREST - FIRE ENGINE (Quint - Debt Exclusion)		16,211	11,857	20,691	16,650
751-5915-9	INTEREST - Culverts BANS				65,479	20,000
	Subtotal - Interest	80,957	93,789	95,008	336,697	256,662
	TOTAL TOWN DEBT	205,957	218,789	529,008	753,276	671,662
	Subtotal General Fund	**10,954,351**	**11,033,112**	**11,933,089**	**12,950,151**	**13,443,638**

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	WATER DEPARTMENT (SPECIAL REVENUE FUND)					
29	**WATER DEPARTMENT**					
29-5100	SALARIES & WAGES	107,994	113,639	119,635	125,596	151,357
	(Superintendant's Salary @ $67,019/year + $400 longevity)					
	(Asst. Supt. @ $27.10/hr-16 hrs/wk, shared w/ Highway)					
	(Other Wages @ $22.84/hour)					
	(COMMISSIONERS' SALARIES 1 @ $2, 2 @ $1)					
29-5200	EXPENSES	106,240	143,291	96,979	98,150	139,838
29-5300	CONTRACT SERVICE	67,440	16,625	7,390	20,260	8,680
29-5800	CAPITAL	45,629	50,951	72,162	51,000	87,000
	Subtotal Water Expense	327,303	324,506	296,166	295,006	386,875
	WATER TANK					
29-5910	PRINCIPAL	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
29-5915	INTEREST	60,085	52,085	49,085	46,085	43,085
29-5916	Debt Service Painting Lord's Hill Tank (BAN - $295,189)				17,000	6,200
	Subtotal Water Tank	135,085	127,085	124,085	138,085	124,285
	TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	462,388	451,591	420,251	433,091	511,160
	TOTAL ARTICLE 2	**11,416,739**	**11,484,703**	**12,353,340**	**13,383,242**	**13,954,798**

WAGES	3000145
TOWN EXPENSES	4018713
H W Reg SCHOOL EXPENSES	6423592
H W Reg SCHOOL DEBT	377384
Reg Vocational School	33564
CAPITAL	101400
	13,954,798
TOTAL: ARTICLE 2	

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TOWN OF WENHAM
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ARTICLE THREE Cemetery and Other Trust Funds

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust Funds received in FY2008, as printed in Part I of the Town Report, and on file with the Town Clerk.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CEMETERY AND OTHER TRUST FUNDS RECEIVED IN FY2008, AS PRINTED IN PART I OF THE TOWN REPORTS.

Moved and seconded by the Finance and Advisory Committee with the support of the Board of Selectmen.

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL VOTERS: 2683
QUORUM: 5% = 134
VOTERS PRESENT: 466

VOTERS CARDS

NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young

Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

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ARTICLE FOUR Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding

To vote from available funds under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, the sum of $115,454 for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS UNDER CHAPTER 246B OF THE ACTS OF 2002, THE SUM OF $115,454 FOR WORK ON TOWN ROADS, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS DETAILED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 30, SECTION 39M; CHAPTER 149, SECTION 44J; CHAPTER 149, SECTION 26-27F; SAID WORK TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Moved by John O. Wilhelm, Jr., Chairman of the Finance and Advisory Committee, with the support of the Board of Selectmen

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ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
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ARTICLE FIVE Leveling the Tax Rate

To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote from Available Funds or Overlay Surplus to be used by the Board of Assessors to level the tax rate for the period July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS (FREE CASH) THE SUM OF $590,664 AND FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS $23,963 TO BE USED BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS TO LEVEL THE TAX RATE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009.

Moved by John O. Wilhelm, Jr., Chairman of the Finance and Advisory Committee and seconded by the Committee

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MOTION DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young

Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

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ARTICLE SIX CPA APPROPRIATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation budget; to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2009; and to approve the appropriation to expend or set aside the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, a sum of money for recreational use, a sum of money for the preservation of historic resources, and a sum of money for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Moderator, as is his right, decided to "divide the question". Following are certifications of each section of Article Six.]

SECTION A.

MOVED THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS OF CPA FUNDS: 1. THE SUM OF $156,000 FROM THE "ESTIMATED FY 2009 CPA REVENUE" TRANSFERRED AS FOLLOWS: $52,000 TO THE "FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES", $52,000 TO THE "FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR OPEN SPACE AND $52,000 TO THE "FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING" FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESERVING A MINIMUM 10% OF THE TOTAL FY09 CPA REVENUE IN THE AFOREMENTIONED RESERVES AND 2. THE SUM OF $115,000 FROM THE "ESTIMATED FY 2009 CPA REVENUE" TRANSFERRED TO THE "FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES" FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING HISTORIC RESOURCE EXPENDITURES, 3. THE SUM OF $225,000 TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE "ESTIMATED FY 2009 CPA REVENUE" TO THE CPA BUDGETARY RESERVE, AND

B.

THAT THE TOWN VOTE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 THE FOLLOWING SUMS TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE INDICATED CPA SOURCES FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

1. THE SUM OF $7,500 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION OF THE FENCE SURROUNDING THE CIVIL WAR MONUMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION, THE FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES.

2. THE SUM OF $20,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REHABILITATING THE GYMNASIUM FLOOR AT THE BUKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE BUKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, THE FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES.

3. THE SUM OF $3,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION OF THE

PORTICO IN THE HAMILTON-WENHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OF HAMILTON AND WENHAM, INC., THE FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES.

4. THE SUM OF $192,202.50 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING DEBT SERVICE FOR FY2009 ON THE $2,151,421 SUPPLEMENTAL BORROWING UNDER MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44 AND 44B FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE 152 YEAR OLD WENHAM TOWN HALL BUILDING LOCATED AT 138 MAIN STREET IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS DEVELOPED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE WENHAM TOWN HALL AND POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE, THE FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES.

5. THE SUM OF $750 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COALITION MEMBERSHIP FEES, THE FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE ESTIMATED FY2009 CPA REVENUES.

6. THE SUM OF $2,500 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, THE FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE ESTIMATED FY2009 CPA REVENUES.

Moved by Patrick Wilson, Chairman, Community Preservation Act Committee, and seconded by the Committee

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ARTICLE SIX CPA APPROPRIATIONS SECTION A

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL VOTERS: 2683
QUORUM: 5% = 134
VOTERS PRESENT: 466

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED APPROVED WITH ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

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ARTICLE SIX CPA APPROPRIATIONS SECTION B ITEM ONE

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL VOTERS: 2683
QUORUM: 5% = 134
VOTERS PRESENT: 466

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED WITH NO OPPOSITION

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

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ARTICLE SIX CPA APPROPRIATIONS SECTION B ITEM TWO

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL VOTERS: 2683
QUORUM: 5% = 134
VOTERS PRESENT: 466

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY A CLEAR MAJORITY WITH 4 VOTES IN THE NEGATIVE

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

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ARTICLE SIX CPA APPROPRIATIONS SECTION B ITEM THREE

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL VOTERS: 2683
QUORUM: 5% = 134
VOTERS PRESENT: 466

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED SUBSTANTIALLY WITH FIVE NEGATIVE VOTES

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

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ARTICLE SIX CPA APPROPRIATIONS SECTION B ITEM FOUR

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL VOTERS: 2683
QUORUM: 5% - 134
VOTERS PRESENT: 466

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

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ARTICLE SIX CPA APPROPRIATIONS SECTION B ITEM FIVE

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL VOTERS: 2683
QUORUM: 5% = 134
VOTERS PRESENT: 466

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

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ARTICLE SIX CPA APPROPRIATIONS SECTION B ITEM SIX

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL VOTERS: 2683
QUORUM: 5% = 134
VOTERS PRESENT: 466

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

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ARTICLE SEVEN Capital Override

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, said sum to be raised contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C, paragraph (i-1/2), to be used to fund capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of one Police cruiser, Highway Department backhoe, catch basin replacements, two garage door replacements at Highway Garage, and a Fire Station tight tank, or take any other action relative thereto; such referendum question to be voted upon by ballot at the Special Town Election to be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at the Buker School in said Town between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $153,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of one Police cruiser, Highway Department backhoe, catch basin replacements, two garage door replacements at Highway Garage, and a Fire Station tight tank for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008?"

MOTION

THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN APPROPRIATE $153,000 CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE OF A REFERENDUM QUESTION PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C, PARAGRAPH (i-1/2), TO BE USED TO FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, CONSISTING OF THE PURCHASE OF ONE POLICE CRUISER, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BACKHOE, CATCH BASIN REPLACEMENTS, TWO GARAGE DOOR REPLACEMENTS AT HIGHWAY GARAGE, AND A FIRE STATION TIGHT TANK, SUCH REFERENDUM QUESTION TO BE VOTED UPON BY BALLOT AT THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008 AT THE BUKER SCHOOL, FROM 7:00AM TO 8:00PM, ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "SHALL THE TOWN OF WENHAM BE ALLOWED TO ASSESS AN ADDITIONAL $153,000 IN REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, CONSISTING OF ONE POLICE CRUISER, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BACKHOE, CATCH BASIN REPLACEMENTS, TWO GARAGE DOOR REPLACEMENTS AT HIGHWAY GARAGE, AND A FIRE STATION TIGHT TANK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008?"

Moved by John O. Wilhelm, Chairman, on behalf of the Finance and Advisory Committee, with approval of the Board of Selectmen

TWO/THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL VOTERS: 2683
QUORUM: 5% = 134
VOTERS PRESENT: 466

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY THE REQUIRED TWO/THIRDS

ATTEST: Frances Hart Young

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BUKER SCHOOL

ARTICLE EIGHT OPERATING BUDGET - REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C (g), and also contingent upon the Town of Hamilton appropriating its proportionate share, to be added to the portion of Article 2 allocated for annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District to meet the Town's share of the total operating budget of the District which is approved and funded by the Town of Wenham, or to take any other action thereto. The ballot vote on approval of this appropriation will take place on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at the Buker School, from 7:00AM to 8:00PM on the following question: "Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $601,267 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorized annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2008?"

MOTION

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE $601,267, CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE OF A REFERENDUM QUESTION PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C (g), AND ALSO CONTINGENT UPON THE TOWN OF HAMILTON APPROPRIATING ITS PROPORTIONATE SHARE, TO BE ADDED TO THE PORTION OF ARTICLE 2 ALLOCATED FOR ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MEET THE TOWN'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET OF THE DISTRICT WHICH IS APPROVED AND FUNDED BY THE TOWN OF WENHAM. THE BALLOT VOTE ON THE APPROVAL OF THIS APPROPRIATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008, AT THE BUKER SCHOOL, FROM 7AM TO 8PM, ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "SHALL THE TOWN OF WENHAM BE ALLOWED TO ASSESS AN ADDITIONAL $601,267 IN REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PURPOSES OF PAYING WENHAM'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL AUTHORIZED ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN EXCESS OF THE PORTION APPROVED UNDER ARTICLE 2, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008?"

Moved by Donald Gallant, Member of the Regional School Committee

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL VOTERS: 2683
QUORUM: 5% = 134
VOTERS PRESENT: 466

VOTER CARDS, NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED BY A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Town Clerk

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ARTICLE NINE Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to withdraw $15,000 from the Cemetery Perpetual Care trust fund, after July 1, 2008 and before June 30, 2009, and transfer and deposit said funds into the General Fund. The purpose of the transfer is to subsidize the Highway Department expenditures for the care and operation of the two cemeteries in the Town of Wenham, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MOVES THAT ARTICLE NINE BE PASSED OVER.

The Moderator declared that the Article would be passed over because an agreement had been reached.

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

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ARTICLE TEN STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws by adding a new Chapter XXII, entitled "Storm Water Management By-law", in a form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection; or take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE GENERAL BY-LAWS OF WENHAM BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER XXII, ENTITLED "STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BY-LAW", IN THE FORM FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK.

Moved by John Clemenzi, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and seconded by the Board
No recommendation required by the Finance and Advisory Committee

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL VOTERS: 2683
QUORUM: 5% = 134
VOTERS PRESENT: 466

VOTER CARDS
NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

Town of Wenham
Highway Department
91 Grapevine Road
Wenham, MA 01984

DPW Director
Bill Tyack

BYLAW GOVERNING DISCHARGES TO THE MUNICIPAL STORM DRAIN SYSTEM

1.0 PURPOSE

Increased and contaminated stormwater runoff is a major cause of impairment of water quality and flow in lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, wetlands and groundwater; contamination of drinking water supplies; alteration or destruction of aquatic and wildlife habitat; and flooding.

The regulation of illicit connections and discharges to the municipal storm drain system is necessary for the protection of the Town of Wenham's water bodies and groundwater, and to safeguard the public health, safety, welfare and the environment.

The purpose of this Bylaw is to prevent pollutants from entering the Town of Wenham's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), require the removal of all such illicit connections; comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to stormwater discharges, and to establish the legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this bylaw through inspection, monitoring, and enforcement

2.0 DEFINITIONS

AUTHORIZED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY: The Board of Selectmen (hereinafter the Board) or its employees, officers or agents designated to enforce this bylaw.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP): An activity, procedure, restraint, or structural improvement that helps to reduce the quantity or improve the quality of stormwater runoff.

CLEAN WATER ACT: The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) as hereafter amended.

DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS: The addition from any source of any pollutant or combination of pollutants into the municipal storm drain system or into the waters of the United States or Commonwealth of Massachusetts from any source.

GROUNDWATER: Water beneath the surface of the ground.

ILLICIT CONNECTION: A surface or subsurface drain or conveyance, which allows an illicit discharge into the municipal storm drain system, including without limitation sewage, process wastewater, or wash water and any connections from indoor drains, sinks, or toilets, regardless of whether said connection was previously allowed, permitted, or approved before the effective date of this Bylaw

ILLICIT DISCHARGE: Direct or indirect discharge to the municipal storm drain system that is not composed entirely of stormwater, except as exempted in Section 7. The term does not include a discharge in compliance with an NPDES Stormwater Discharge Permit or a Surface Water Discharge Permit, or resulting from fire fighting activities exempted pursuant to Section 7 of this bylaw.

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE: Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water infiltrating the underlying soil. Impervious surface includes without limitation roads, paved parking lots, sidewalks, and rooftops.

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) or MUNICIPAL STORM DRAIN SYSTEM: The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Wenham.

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) STORMWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT: A permit issued by United States Environmental Protection Agency or jointly with the State that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States.

NON-STORMWATER DISCHARGE: Discharge to the municipal storm drain system not composed entirely of stormwater.

PERSON or USER: An individual, partnership, association, firm, company, trust, corporation, agency, authority, department or political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the federal government, to the extent permitted by law, and any officer, employee, or agent of such person.

POLLUTANT: Any element or property of sewage, agricultural, industrial or commercial waste, runoff, leachate, heated effluent, or other matter whether originating at a point or nonpoint source, that is or may be introduced into any sewage treatment works or waters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Pollutants shall include without limitation:

1. paints, varnishes, and solvents;
2. oil and other automotive fluids;
3. non-hazardous liquid and solid wastes and yard wastes;
4. refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects, ordnances, accumulations and floatables;
5. pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers;
6. hazardous materials and wastes; sewage, fecal coliform and pathogens;
7. dissolved and particulate metals;
8. animal wastes;
9. rock, sand, salt, soils;
10. construction wastes and residues; and
11. and noxious or offensive matter of any kind.

PROCESS WASTEWATER: Water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any material, intermediate product, finished product, or waste product.

RECHARGE: The process by which groundwater is replenished by precipitation through the percolation of runoff and surface water through the soil.

STORMWATER: Stormwater runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface water runoff and drainage.

SURFACE WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT: A permit issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) pursuant to 314 CMR 3.00 that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

TOXIC OR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL or WASTE: Any material, which because of its quantity, concentration, chemical, corrosive, flammable, reactive, toxic, infectious or radioactive characteristics, either separately or in combination with any substance or substances, constitutes a present or potential threat to human health, safety, welfare, or to the environment. Toxic or hazardous materials include any synthetic organic chemical, petroleum product, heavy metal, radioactive or infectious waste, acid and alkali, and any substance defined as Toxic or Hazardous under G.L. Ch.21C and Ch.21E, and the regulations at 310 CMR 30.000 and 310 CMR 40.0000.

WATERCOURSE: A natural or man-made channel through which water flows or a stream of water, including a river, brook or underground stream.

WATERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH: All waters within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including, without limitation, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, springs, impoundments, estuaries, wetlands, costal waters, and groundwater.

WASTEWATER: Any sanitary waste, sludge, or septic tank or cesspool overflow, and water that during manufacturing, cleaning or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct or waste product.

3.0 APPLICABILITY

This Bylaw applies to any and all flows entering the municipally owned storm drainage system, stormwater discharges, and/or indirect stormwater discharges.

4.0 AUTHORITY

This Bylaw is adopted under the authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution and the Home Rule Procedures Act, and pursuant to the regulations of the federal Clean Water Act found at 40 CFR 122.34.

Nothing in this Bylaw is intended to replace the requirements or authority of any other bylaw, state, federal or superceding authority.

5.0 ADMINISTRATION

The Authorized Enforcement Agency shall administer, implement and enforce this Bylaw. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Authorized Enforcement Agency may be delegated in writing by the Authorized Enforcement Agency to employees, officers or agents of the Town Administrator, Department of Public Works, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Planning Board or other Town Department.

6.0 REGULATIONS

The Authorized Enforcement Agency may promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this bylaw. Failure by the Authorized Enforcement Agency to promulgate such rules and regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this bylaw.

7.0 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Illicit Discharge - No person shall dump, discharge, cause or allow to be discharged any pollutant, or non-stormwater discharge into the municipal storm drain system, watercourse, waters of the Commonwealth or abutting property.

Illicit Connection - No person shall construct, use, allow, maintain or continue any connection to the municipal storm drain system, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under applicable law, regulation or custom at the time of connection.

Obstruction of the Municipal Storm Drain System – No person shall obstruct or interfere with the normal flow of stormwater into or out of the municipal storm drain system without prior written approval from the Planning Board

8.0 EXEMPTIONS

This article shall not apply to any of the following non-stormwater discharges or flows provided that the source is not a significant contributor of a pollutant to the municipal storm drain system.

1. Waterline Flushing.
2. Flows from potable water sources.
3. Springs.
4. Natural flows from riparian habitats and wetlands.
5. Diverted stream flows.
6. Rising groundwater.

7. Uncontaminated groundwater infiltration as defined in 40 CFR 35.2005(20), or uncontaminated pumped groundwater.
8. Uncontaminated groundwater discharge from a residential sump pump.
9. Water from exterior foundation drains, footing drains (not including active or pipelines), crawl space pumps, or air conditioner condensation.
10. Discharges from landscape irrigation or lawn watering.
11. Water from individual residential car washing.
12. Discharges from dechlorinated swimming pool water (less than one part per million chlorine) provided it is allowed to stand for one week prior to draining, or tested for chlorine levels with a pool test kit prior to draining, and the pool is drained in such a way as to not cause a nuisance.
13. Discharges from street sweepers of minor amounts of water during operations.
14. Discharges or flows resulting from fire fighting activities.
15. Dye testing, provided written notification is given to the Authorized Enforcement Agency prior to the time of the test, preferably at least 72 hours prior to the start of the testing.
16. Non-stormwater discharges permitted under an National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, or waste discharge order administered under the authority of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, provided that the discharge is in full compliance with the requirements of the permit, waiver or order and applicable laws and regulations.
17. Discharges for which advanced written approval is received from the Authorized Enforcement Agency if necessary to protect public health, safety, welfare or the environment.

9.0 EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM ACCESS

A. The Authorized Enforcement Agency may suspend municipal storm drain system access to any person or property without prior written notice when such suspension is necessary to stop an actual or threatened illegal discharge that presents or may present imminent risk of harm to the public health, safety, welfare or the environment. In the event any person fails to comply with an emergency suspension order, the Authorized Enforcement Agency may take all reasonable steps to prevent or minimize harm to the public health, safety, and welfare of the environment.

B. Any user that denies the Authorized Enforcement Agency reasonable access to the user's premises for the purpose of inspection, monitoring, records examination, or sampling of non-stormwater or stormwater discharges is subject to discharge termination.

C. Any user notified of a suspension of its discharge shall immediately stop or eliminate its contribution. In the event of a user's failure to immediately comply voluntarily with the suspension order, the Authorized Enforcement Agency may take such steps as deemed necessary, including immediate severance of the sewer or storm drain connection, to prevent or minimize damage to the municipal storm drain system, its receiving stream, or endangerment to any individuals. The Authorized Enforcement Agency may allow the user to recommence its discharge when the user has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Authorized Enforcement Agency that the period of endangerment has passed.

10.0 NOTIFICATION OF SPILLS

Notwithstanding any other requirements of local, state or federal law, as soon as any person responsible for a facility or operation, or responsible for emergency response for a facility or operation has information of any known or suspected release of materials at that facility operation which is resulting or may result in illegal discharge of pollutants that person shall take all necessary steps to ensure containment, and cleanup of the release.

In the event of a release of oil or hazardous materials, the person shall immediately notify the Wenham Fire and Police Departments, Department of Public Works and Board of Health. In the event of a release of non-hazardous material, said person shall notify the Department of Public Works no later than the next business day. Written confirmation of all telephone, facsimile or in person notifications shall be provided to the Department of Public Works within three business days thereafter.

If the discharge of prohibited materials is from a commercial or industrial facility, the facility owner or operator of the facility shall retain on-site a written record of the discharge and the actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Such records shall be retained for at least three years.

11.0 Enforcement

The Authorized Enforcement Agency or an authorized agent of the Authorized Enforcement Agency shall enforce this bylaw, regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.

A. **Civil Relief -** If a person violates the provisions of this bylaw, regulations, permit, notice, or order issued thereunder, the Authorized Enforcement Agency may seek injunctive relief in a court of competent jurisdiction restraining the person from activities which would create further violations or compelling the person to perform abatement or remediation of the violation.

B. **Orders** – The Authorized Enforcement Agency or an authorized agent of the Authorized Enforcement Agency may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of this bylaw or the regulations thereunder, which may include:

1. elimination of illicit connections or discharges to the MS4;
2. performance of monitoring, analyses, and reporting;
3. that unlawful discharges, practices, or operations shall cease and desist; and
4. remediation of contamination in connection therewith.

C. If the enforcing person determines that abatement or remediation of contamination is required, the order shall set forth a deadline by which such abatement or remediation must be completed. Said order shall further advise that, should the violator or property owner fail to abate or perform remediation within the specified deadline, the Town of Wenham may, at its option, undertake such work, and expenses thereof shall be charged to the violator.

D. Within thirty (30) days after completing all measures necessary to abate the violation or to perform remediation, the violator and the property owner will be notified of the costs incurred by the Town of Wenham, including administrative costs. The violator or property owner may file a written protest objecting to the amount or basis of costs with the Authorized Enforcement Agency within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of the costs incurred. If the amount due is not received by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or within thirty (30) days following a decision of the Authorized Enforcement Agency affirming or reducing the costs, or from a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the costs shall become a special assessment against the property owner and shall constitute a lien on the owner's property for the amount of said costs. Interest shall begin to accrue on any unpaid costs at the statutory rate provided in G.L. Ch. 59, 57 after the thirty-first day at which the costs first become due.

E. **Criminal Penalty -** Any person who violates any provision of this bylaw, regulation, order or permit issued thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than $200. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

F. **Entry to Perform Duties Under this Bylaw** - To the extent permitted by state law, or if authorized by the owner or other party in control of the property, the Authorized Enforcement Agency, its agents, officers, and employees may enter upon privately owned property for the purpose of performing their duties under this bylaw and regulations and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Authorized Enforcement Agency deems reasonably necessary.

G. **Appeals -** The decisions or orders of the Authorized Enforcement Agency shall be final. Further relief shall be to a court of competent jurisdiction.

H. **Remedies Not Exclusive** - The remedies listed in this bylaw are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law.

12.0 Severability

A. The provisions of this bylaw are hereby declared to be severable. If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause, of this bylaw or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of this bylaw.

13.0 Transitional Provisions

A. Residential property owners shall have 90 days from the effective date of the bylaw to comply with its provisions provided good cause is shown for the failure to comply with the bylaw during that period.

Grand Opening of Town Hall - Sarah Johnson, Financial Director and David & Elaine Carey

TOWN OF WENHAM

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF WENHAM
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008
1:00PM
BUKER SCHOOL

ARTICLE ELEVEN WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION BYLAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wenham Water Resources Protection Bylaw, Chapter XVIII, in a form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection; or take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF WENHAM WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION BYLAW, CHAPTER XVIII, IN THE FORM FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK.

Moved by Patrick Wilson, Conservation Commission, and seconded by the Commission with favorable action recommended by the Board of Selectmen

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL VOTERS: 2683
QUORUM: 5% = 134
VOTERS PRESENT: 466

VOTER CARDS

NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENHAM
WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION BYLAW

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to maintain the quality of surface water and groundwater; to maintain the level of the groundwater table and water recharge areas for existing or potential water supplies; to protect persons and property against the hazards of flood water inundation; to protect and conserve natural features, resources, and amenities for the benefit and welfare of present and future citizens of the Town of Wenham.

This bylaw is intended to protect the water resources, wetlands, and adjoining areas in Wenham by prior review and control of activities deemed by the Conservation Commission likely to have a significant or detrimental effect upon the following values: public or private water supply, groundwater, fisheries, wildlife, wildlife habitat and the prevention and control of flooding, erosion, sedimentation, storm damage, or pollution (collectively, the "resource area values protected by the bylaw"). This bylaw is intended to utilize the Home Rule Authority of this town to protect additional resource areas, for additional values, with additional standards and procedures to augment those of the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. Ch. 131, sec. 40 and Regulations thereunder, 310 CMR 10.00.

Section 2: Jurisdiction

Except as permitted in writing by the Conservation Commission or as provided in this bylaw, no person shall remove, fill, dredge, discharge into, build upon, otherwise alter, pollute, or degrade the following resource areas: any freshwater wetland as determined by vegetational community, soils composition or hydrologic regime including any marsh, wet meadow, bog, or swamp; any vernal pool, any lake, stream, reservoir, river, or pond, whether intermittent or continuous, natural or manmade; land under such waters; bank or beach; land subject to flooding or inundation by groundwater, surface water or storm water (collectively the "wetland resource areas protected by this bylaw") or lands within one hundred (100) feet of any of the aforesaid resource areas (collectively "the adjacent upland resource areas protected by this bylaw").

Section 3: Exceptions

The application and permit required by this bylaw shall not be required for maintaining, repairing, but not substantially changing, relocating or enlarging, any existing or lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public to provide electricity, gas, water, telephone, telegraph, or other telecommunication services, provided that, except in cases of public emergency, written notice and plan of work has been given to the Commission at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to commencement of work, and provided that the work is performed in accordance with standards adopted in regulations promulgated under this bylaw.

The application and permit required by this bylaw shall not apply to any emergency project necessary for public health and safety, provided that the work is to be performed by or has been ordered to be performed by an agency of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof; provided that notice, oral or written, has been given to the Commission or its agent within 24 hours after commencement; provided that the Commission or its agent certifies the work as an emergency project; provided that the work is performed only for the time and place certified by the Commission for the limited purposed necessary to abate the emergency, and provided that within 21 days of

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commencement of an emergency project a permit application shall be filed with the Commission for review as provided by this bylaw. Upon failure to meet these and other requirements of the Commission, the Commission may, after notice and a public hearing, revoke or modify an emergency project approval and order restoration and mitigation measures.

The application and permit required by this bylaw shall not be required for work performed for the normal maintenance or improvement of lands in lawful, active agricultural use, provided that the work conforms to performance standards and design specifications in regulations adopted by the Commission.

Other than as stated in this section, the exceptions provided in the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. Ch. 131, sec. 40 and Regulations, 310 CMR 10.00 shall not apply under this bylaw.

Section 4: Requests for Determination and Applications for Permits

Written application shall be filed with the Commission to perform activities affecting wetland and upland resource areas protected by this bylaw. The permit application shall include such information and plans as are deemed necessary by the Commission to describe proposed activities and their potential effects on the resource areas protected by this bylaw. No activities shall commence without receiving and complying with a permit issued pursuant to this bylaw.

Any person desiring to know whether or not a proposed activity or an area is subject to this bylaw shall request in writing a determination from the Commission. Such request for determination shall contain data and plans as specified by regulations adopted under this bylaw.

The Commission in an appropriate case may accept any request, application and plans filed under M.G.L. Ch. 131 Sec. 40 as having also been filed under this bylaw. An application for a permit or a request for determination shall be hand delivered or sent by certified mail to the Commission.

The Commission may reasonably request that a separate submittal be made under this bylaw if concerns which may arise pursuant to this by-law are not addressed as part of the original submittal.

The applicant shall pay fees as specified in regulations adopted under this bylaw. The fee is in addition to that required by the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Ch. 131, sec. 40.

The Commission may waive the fees, costs, and expenses for an application or request filed by a government agency, or if the project serves a public purpose as determined by the Commission.

Upon receipt of a permit application or Request for Determination, the Commission is authorized to require an applicant to pay a fee for the reasonable costs and expenses borne by the Commission for expert engineering and other consultant or legal services ("Consultant Services") deemed necessary by the Commission to come to a final decision on the application. This fee is called the "consultant fee". The Consultant Services may include, but are not limited to, performing or verifying the accuracy of resource area survey and delineation; analyzing resource area functions and values, including wildlife habitat evaluations, hydrogeologic and drainage analysis; and researching environmental or land use law.

The exercise of discretion by the Commission in making its determination to require the payment of a consultant fee shall be based upon its reasonable finding that additional

information available through outside consultants is necessary for the making of an objective decision. Any applicant aggrieved by the imposition of, or amount of, the consultant fee, or any act related thereto, may appeal according to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws. The consultant fee charged to reimburse the Commission for reasonable costs and expenses shall be based on the overall project costs and shall not exceed $15,000.

Section 5: Notice and Hearings

Any person filing a permit or other application or Request For Determination ("RFD") with the Commission, shall give written notice by certified mail (return receipt requested) or hand delivered, to all abutters at their mailing addresses shown on the most recent applicable tax list of the assessors, including owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way or across a body of water (within 300 feet of the boundaries of the locus of the proposed project or within 100 feet of the property line on which the project is to be carried out, whichever is greater), including any in another municipality. The Commission may at its own discretion request that additional parties who may be affected by the proposed project (including but not necessarily limited to, those affected by or through changes in surface water runoff patterns, impact on the groundwater table, etc.) be notified according to the procedures established for abutters as described above. The notice to abutters shall have enclosed a copy of the permit application or request, with plans, or shall state where copies may be examined and obtained by abutters. An affidavit of the person providing such notice, with a copy of the notice mailed or delivered, shall be filed with the Commission. The Commission shall conduct a public hearing on any permit application, Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANORAD), or RFD, with written notice given at the expense of the applicant, five business days prior to the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in Wenham.

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The Commission shall commence the public hearing within 21 days from receipt of a completed permit application, ANORAD, or RFD unless an extension is authorized in writing by the applicant or unless a hearing is delayed beyond 21 days by conditions beyond the reasonable control of the Commission, in which case the hearing will be held as soon as reasonably possible. The Commission shall have the authority to continue the hearing to a specific date announced at the hearing for reasons stated at the hearing, which may include the need for additional information from the applicant or from others as deemed necessary by the Commission in its discretion, to solicit or respond to comments and recommendations of the boards and officials listed in the following section. In the event the applicant objects to a continuance or postponement, the hearing shall be closed and the Commission shall take action on such information as is available. The Commission shall issue its permit, other order, or determination in writing within 21 days of the close of the public hearing thereon unless an extension is authorized in writing by the applicant. When a person requesting a determination is other than the owner, the request, the notice of the hearing and the determination itself shall be sent by the Commission to the owner as well as to the person making the request.

The Commission shall combine its hearing under this bylaw with the hearing conducted under the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. Ch. 131, §40, and Regulations, 310 CMR 10.00

in instances of concurrent jurisdiction.

Section 6: Coordination with Other Boards

The Conservation Commission may choose to solicit the advice and opinions of other Town boards and officials in the course of its deliberations. Town boards and officials shall be entitled to file written comments and recommendations with the Commission at or before the public hearing. The Commission shall take any such comments and recommendations into account but shall not be bound by them. The applicant shall have the right to receive any comments and recommendations, and will be given the opportunity to respond to them at a hearing of the Commission, prior to final action. Any application for a permit or determination shall at the same time be mailed or delivered to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Health and Building Inspector.

Section 7: Determinations, Permits, and Conditions

If the Conservation Commission, after a public hearing, determines that the activities which are subject to the permit application or the land and water uses which will result therefrom, are likely to have a significant effect upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw, the Commission, within 21 days of the close of the hearing, shall issue or deny a permit for the activities requested. If it issues a permit, the Commission shall impose conditions which the Commission deems necessary or desirable to protect those values, and all activities shall be done in accordance with those conditions. The Commission shall take into account the adverse effects of loss, degradation, isolation, and replication of protected resource areas throughout the community and the watershed, resulting from past activities, permitted and exempt, and foreseeable future activities. Where no conditions are adequate to protect those resource values, the Commission is empowered to deny a permit for failure to meet the requirements of this bylaw. It may also deny a permit; for failure to submit necessary information and plans requested by the Commission; for failure to meet the design specifications, performance standards, and other requirements in regulations of the Commission; or for failure to avoid or prevent unacceptable effects upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw. Due consideration shall be given to any demonstrated hardship on the applicant by reason of denial, as presented at the public hearing.

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Lands within 200 feet of rivers, ponds and lakes, and lands within 100 feet of other resource areas, are presumed important to the protection of these resources because activities undertaken in close proximity to resource areas have a high likelihood of adverse impact upon the wetland or other resource areas, either immediately, as a consequence of construction, or over time, as a consequence of daily operation or existence of the activities. These adverse impacts from construction and use can include, without limitation, erosion, siltation, loss of groundwater recharge, poor water quality, and loss of wildlife habitat. The Commission may therefore establish performance standards for protection of such lands including without limitation strips of continuous, undisturbed vegetative cover within the 200-foot or 100-foot area, or other form of work limit or setback to buildings, roads, landscaping and other features, unless the applicant convinces the Commission that the area or part of it may be disturbed without harm to the values protected by the bylaw. The specific size and type of protected area may be established by regulations of the Commission.

In the review of areas within 200 feet of rivers, ponds and lakes, no permit issued

hereunder shall permit any activities unless the applicant, in addition to meeting the otherwise applicable requirements of this bylaw, has proved by a preponderance of the evidence that (1) there is no practicable alternative to the proposed project with less adverse effects, and that (2) such activities, including proposed mitigation measures, will have no significant adverse impact on the areas or values protected by this bylaw. The Commission shall regard as practicable an alternative which is reasonably available and capable of being done after taking into consideration the proposed property use, overall project purpose (e.g., residential, institutional, commercial, or industrial purpose), logistics, existing technology, costs of the alternatives, and overall project costs.

To prevent wetlands loss, the Commission shall require applicants to avoid wetlands alteration wherever feasible; shall minimize wetlands alteration; and, where alteration is unavoidable, shall require full mitigation which shall include, at a minimum, complete replacement or restoration of the lost wetlands.. The Commission may authorize or require replication of wetlands as a form of mitigation, but only with adequate security, professional design, and monitoring to assure success, because of the high likelihood of failure of replication.

The Commission may require a wildlife habitat study of the project area, to be paid for by the applicant, whenever it deems appropriate, regardless of the type of resource area or the amount or type of alteration proposed. The decision shall be based upon the Commission's estimation of the importance of the habitat area considering (but not limited to) such factors as proximity to other areas suitable for wildlife, importance of wildlife "corridors" in the area, or possible presence of rare species in the area. The work shall be performed by an individual who at least meets the qualifications set out in the wildlife habitat section of the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.60).

The Commission shall presume that all areas meeting the definition of "vernal pools" under Section 9 of this bylaw, including the adjacent area, perform essential habitat functions. This presumption may be overcome only by the presentation of credible evidence which, in the judgment of the Commission, demonstrates that the basin or depression does not provide essential habitat functions. Any formal evaluation should be performed by an individual meeting the qualifications under the wildlife habitat section of the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations.

A permit shall expire three years from the date of issuance. Notwithstanding the above, the Commission in its discretion may issue a permit expiring five years from the date of issuance for recurring or continuous maintenance work, provided that annual notification of time and location of work is given to the Commission. Any permit may be renewed once for an additional one year period, provided that a request for a renewal is received in writing by the Commission prior to expiration. Notwithstanding the above, a permit may identify requirements which shall be enforceable for a stated number of years, indefinitely, or until permanent protection is in place, and shall apply to all owners of the land.

For good cause the Commission may revoke any permit, other order, determination or other decision issued under this bylaw after notice to the holder of the permit, the public, abutters, and town boards, pursuant to Sections 5 and 6, and a public hearing.

Amendments to permits or determinations shall be handled in the manner set out in the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations and policies thereunder.

The Commission in an appropriate case may combine the decision issued under this

bylaw with the Order of Conditions, Order of Resource Area Delineation (ORAD), Determination of Applicability or Certificate of Compliance issued under the Wetlands Protection Act and Regulations.

No work proposed in any application shall be undertaken until the permit, ORAD or determination issued by the Commission with respect to such work has been recorded in the registry of deeds or, if the land affected is registered land, in the registry section of the land court for the district wherein the land lies, and until the holder of the permit certifies in writing to the Commission that the document has been recorded. If the applicant fails to perform, the Commission may record the documents itself.

Section 8: Regulations and Establishment of Fees

After public notice and public hearing, the Commission may promulgate or amend rules and regulations to accomplish the purposes of this bylaw and may establish a schedule of filing fees and consultant fees to be paid by persons making requests for determinations or applications for permits hereunder, effective when approved by majority vote of the Commission and filed with the town clerk. Failure by the Commission to promulgate such rules and regulations or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court of law shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this bylaw.

Section 9: Definitions

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and implementation of this bylaw.

ADJACENT UPLAND RESOURCE AREA The term "adjacent upland resource area" shall include all lands with 100 feet of wetland resource areas as enumerated in Section 2, except for perennial streams and rivers for which the adjacent upland resource area extends for 200 feet from the top of bank, and except for vernal pools and ponds under 10,000 square feet in area for which special adjacent upland resource area definitions are described below.

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ALTER The term "alter" shall include, without limitation, the following activities when undertaken to, upon, within or affecting resource areas protected by this bylaw:

A. Removal, excavation, or dredging of soil, sand, gravel, or aggregate materials of any kind

B. Changing of preexisting drainage characteristics, flushing characteristics, salinity distribution, sedimentation patterns, flow patterns, or flood retention characteristics

C. Drainage, or other disturbance of water level or water table

D. Dumping, discharging, or filling with any material which may degrade or otherwise impact water quality

E. Placing of fill, or removal of material, which would alter elevation

F. Driving of piles, erection, expansion or repair of buildings, or structures of any kind

G. Placing of obstructions or objects in water

H. Destruction of plant life including cutting or trimming of trees and shrubs

I. Changing temperature, biochemical oxygen demand, or other physical, biological, or chemical characteristics of any waters

J. Any activities, changes, or work which may cause or tend to contribute to pollution of any body of water or groundwater (including the application of pesticides and herbicides)

K. Incremental activities which have, or may have, a cumulative adverse impact on the resource
areas protected by this bylaw.
L. Placing of materials which have a reasonable likelihood of contributing to pollution or of impacting water quality through surface run-off, groundwater infiltration or air borne transport including but not limited to yard and landscaping wastes and debris, slash, soils and sediments, woodchips, mulch, grit, gravel or other organic and inorganic materials.,

BANK The term "bank" shall include the land area which normally abuts and confines a water body; the lower boundary being the mean annual low flow level, and the upper boundary being the first observable break in the slope or the mean annual flood level, whichever is higher.

PERSON The term "person" shall include any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business organization, trust, estate, the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof to the extent subject to town bylaws, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, this municipality, and any other legal entity, its legal representatives, agents, or assigns.

POND The term "pond" shall follow the definition of 310 CMR 10.04 except that the size threshold of 10,000 square feet shall not apply.

RARE SPECIES The term "rare species" shall include, without limitation, all vertebrate and invertebrate animal and all plant species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, regardless of whether the site in which they occur has been previously identified by the Division.

VERNAL POOL The term "vernal pool" shall include, in addition to scientific definitions found in the regulations under the Wetlands Protection Act, any confined basin or depression not occurring in existing lawns, gardens, landscaped areas or driveways which, at least in most years, holds water for a minimum of two continuous months during the spring and/or summer, contains at least 150 cubic feet of water (approximately 1000 gallons) at some time during most years, is free of adult predatory fish populations, and provides essential breeding and rearing habitat functions for amphibian, reptile or other vernal pool community species, regardless of whether the site has been certified by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. The boundary of the resource area for vernal pools shall be 100 feet outward from the mean annual high-water line defining the depression, but shall not include existing lawns, gardens, landscaped or developed areas.

Except as otherwise required by this bylaw or regulations promulgated thereunder, definitions and regulations set forth in M.G.L. Ch. 131, sec. 40 and 310 Code of Mass. Regulations 10.00 effective November 1987 as amended from time to time shall apply.

Section 10: Security

As part of a permit issued under this bylaw, in addition to any security required by any other municipal or state board, agency, or official, the Commission may require that the performance and observance of the conditions imposed thereunder (including conditions requiring mitigation work) be secured wholly or in part by one or more of the methods described below:

A. By a proper bond or deposit of money or negotiable securities or other undertaking of financial responsibility sufficient in the opinion of the

Commission, to be released in whole or in part upon issuance of a Certificate of Compliance for work performed pursuant to the permit

B. By accepting a conservation restriction, easement, or other covenant enforceable in a court of law, executed and duly recorded by the owner of record, running with the land to the benefit of this municipality whereby the permit conditions shall be performed and observed before any lot may be conveyed. unless postponement of the execution is due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the applicant and delays in conveyance would impose an unreasonable burden on the applicant.. This method shall be used only with the consent of the applicant.

Section 11: Enforcement

No person shall remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, or otherwise alter resource areas protected by this bylaw, or cause, suffer, or allow such activity, or leave in place unauthorized fill, or otherwise fail to restore illegally altered land to its original condition, or fail to comply with a permit or an enforcement order issued pursuant to this bylaw.

The Commission and its agents shall have the authority to enter upon privately owned land for the purpose of performing their duties under this bylaw and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Commission deems necessary, subject to the constitutions and laws of the United Sates and the Commonwealth.

The Commission shall also have authority to enforce this bylaw, its regulations, and permits issued thereunder by enforcement orders, violation notices, non-criminal citations under G.L. Ch. 40 §21D[lh1][lh2] and civil and criminal court actions. Municipal boards and officers, including any police officer or other officer having police powers, shall have authority to assist the Commission in enforcement. Any person who violates the provisions of this bylaw may be ordered to restore the property to its original condition and take other action deemed necessary to remedy such violations, or may be fined, or both.

Upon request of the Commission, the Selectboard and town counsel may take legal action for enforcement under civil law. Upon request of the Commission, the Chief of Police may take legal action for enforcement under criminal law.

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Any person who violates any provision of this bylaw, or regulation, permits, or administrative orders issued thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than $300.00. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues or unauthorized fill or other alteration remains in place shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the bylaw, regulations, permits, or administrative orders violated shall constitute a separate offense.

As an alternative to criminal prosecution in a specific case, the Commission may issue citations under the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in G.L. Ch. 40 21D, which has been adopted by the Town of Wenham in its general bylaws.

Section 12: Severability

The invalidity of any section or provision of this bylaw shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof, nor shall it invalidate any permit or determination which previously has been issued.

Section 13: Burden of Proof

The applicant for a permit shall have the burden of proof of proving by a preponderance

of credible evidence that the work proposed in the permit application will not have unacceptable significant effect upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw. Failure to provide adequate evidence to the Commission supporting this burden shall be sufficient cause for the Commission to deny a permit or grant a permit with conditions.

Section 14: Appeals

A decision of the Commission shall be reviewable in the Superior Court in accordance with G.L. Ch. 249, sec. 4.

Section 15: Relation to the Wetland Protection Act

This bylaw is adopted under the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution and the Home Rule statutes, independent of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Ch. 131, sec. 40, and Regulations 310 CMR 10.00, there.

TOWN OF WENHAM

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF WENHAM
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008
1:00PM
BUKER SCHOOL

ARTICLE TWELVE WATER USE RESTRICTION BYLAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wenham Water Use Restriction Bylaw, Chapter XXI, in a form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection; or take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION THE WATER COMMISSION MOVES THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF WENHAM WATER USE RESTRICTION BYLAW, CHAPTER XXI, IN THE FORM FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK.

Moved by Ernest Ashley, Water Commissioner, and seconded by the Board of Commissioners

SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED
TOTAL VOTERS: 2683
QUORUM: .5% = 134
VOTER PRESENT: 466

VOTER CARDS

NO TELLERS

MOTION DECLARED PASSED WITH TWO NEGATIVE VOTES

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENHAM
WATER USE RESTRICTION BYLAW
Proposed Version with Changes Highlighted

Section 1: Authority

This Bylaw is adopted by the Town of Wenham under its police powers to protect public health and welfare and its powers under M.G.L. c.40, S21 et seq. and implements the Town's authority to regulate water use pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41, S69B. This bylaw also implements the Town's authority under M.G.L. c.40, S41A, conditioned upon a declaration of water supply emergency issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect, preserve and maintain the public health, safety and welfare whenever there is in force a State of Water Supply Conservation or State of Water Supply Emergency by providing for enforcement of any duly imposed restrictions, requirements, provisions or conditions imposed by the Town or by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 3: Definitions

Person shall mean any individual, corporation, trust, partnership or association, or other entity.

State of Water Supply Emergency shall mean a State of Water Supply Emergency declared by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection under M.G.L. c.21G, S15-17.

State of Water Supply Conservation shall mean a State of Water Supply Conservation declared by the Town of Wenham Water Commissioners pursuant to section 4 of this bylaw.

Water Users or Water Consumers shall mean all public and private users of the Town of Wenham's public water system, and/or of groundwater within the borders of the Town of Wenham and extracted from the Ipswich River Watershed. The restrictions shall apply to all water used in the town of Wenham, to include Town water and water supplied by private wells, irrespective of

any person's responsibility for billing purposes for water used at any particular facility.

Seasonal Restrictions shall prohibit outdoor watering through a sprinkler or lawn irrigation system between the hours of 9 am to 5 pm between May 1 and September 30 of each year using town water or private well water.

Section 4: Declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation

The Town of Wenham, through its Board of Water Commissioners may declare a State of Water Supply Conservation upon determination by a majority vote of the Board that a shortage of water exists and conservation measures are appropriate to ensure an adequate supply of water to all consumers, to include fire fighting operations and to ensure compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Permitted and Registered withdrawals. Public notice of a State of Water Conservation shall be given under section 6 of this bylaw before it may be enforced.

Section 5: Restricted Water Uses:

A declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall include one or more of the following restrictions, conditions, or requirements limiting the use of water as necessary to protect the water supply. The applicable restrictions, conditions or requirements shall be included in the public notice required under section 6.

a) Odd/Even Day Outdoor Watering. Outdoor watering by water users with odd numbered addresses is restricted to odd numbered days. Outdoor watering by water users with even numbered addresses is restricted to even numbered days.

b) Outdoor Watering Ban: Outdoor watering, including but not limited to use of water for irrigation and automobile, property and building washing is prohibited.

c) Outdoor Watering Hours: Outdoor watering is permitted only during daily periods of low demand, to be specified in the declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation and public notice thereof.

d) Rain/moisture Sensors: All new automatic irrigation systems shall have a moisture or rain sensor installed as part of the system to prevent unnecessary watering. All existing automatic irrigation systems shall have a moisture or rain sensor installed as part of the system.

e) Filling Swimming pools: Filling of swimming pools is prohibited.

f) Outdoor Sprinkler Use: The use of lawn and garden sprinklers of all types, including the use of automatic sprinkler systems is prohibited. Hand watering is permitted.

Section 6: Public Notification of a State of Water Supply Conservation

Notification of any provision, restriction, requirement or condition imposed by the Town as part of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town, by mail, or by such other means reasonably calculated to reach and inform all users of water of the State of Water Supply Conservation. Any restriction imposed under section 5 shall not be effective until such notification is provided. Notification of the State of Water Supply Conservation shall also be simultaneously provided to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 7: Termination of a State of Water Supply Conservation; Notice

A State of Water Supply Conservation may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Water Commissioners, upon determination that the water supply shortage no longer exists. Public notification of the termination of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall be given in the same manner required by section 6.

Section 8: State of Water Supply Emergency; Compliance with DEP Orders

Upon notification to the public that a declaration of a State of Water Supply Emergency has been issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, no person shall violate any provision, restriction, requirement, condition of any order approved or issued by the Department intended to bring about an end to the State of Emergency.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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March 17, 2009

Frances Young, Town Clerk
138 Main Street
Wenham, MA 01984

RE: Wenham Annual Town Meeting of May 3, 2008 - Case # 5011
Warrant Articles # 10, 11, and 12 (General)

Dear Ms. Young:

On February 9, 2009, our Office sent a written request for additional information deemed essential for a complete review of the amendments adopted under Articles 10, 11, and 12, and at that time, we placed the packet on "hold." We received some of the requested information on February 27, 2009. Therefore, our ninety-day review period is deemed to have commenced on that date, creating a new expiration date of May 28, 2009.

Articles 10, 11, and 12 - We return with the approval of this Office the amendments to the Town by-laws adopted under these Articles on the warrant for the Wenham Annual Town Meeting that convened on May 3, 2008.

Lastly, in approving the amendments adopted under Articles 10, 11, and 12, we remind the Town of the requirements of G.L. c. 40, § 32. Section 32 pertains to the by-law review process. Specifically, Section 32 provides in pertinent part as follows:

> Except to the extent that a zoning by-law may take effect as provided in section five of chapter forty A, before a by-law takes effect it shall be approved by the attorney general or ninety days shall have elapsed without action by the attorney general after the clerk of the town in which a by-law has been adopted has submitted to the attorney general a certified copy of such by-law with a request for its approval, a statement clearly explaining the proposed by-law, including maps and plans if necessary, and adequate proof that all of the procedural requirements for the adoption of such by-law have been complied with. Such request and proof shall be submitted by the town clerk within thirty days after final adjournment of the town meeting at which such by-law was adopted. If the town clerk fails to so submit such request and proof within such thirty days, the selectmen, within fifteen days thereafter, may submit a certified copy of such by-law with a request for its approval, a statement explaining the proposed by-law, including maps and plans, if necessary, and adequate proof that all procedural requirements for the adoption of such by-law has been complied with. . . . Before a by-law or an amendment thereto takes effect it shall also be published in a town bulletin or pamphlet, copies of which shall be posted in at least five public places in the town; and if the town is divided into precincts, copies shall be posted in one or more public places in each precinct of the town; or

instead of such publishing in a town bulletin or pamphlet and such posting, copies thereof may be published at least twice at least one week apart in a newspaper of general circulation in the town.

(Emphasis added.)

General Laws Chapter 40, Section 32, requires the town clerk to submit proposed by-law amendments to the Attorney General for review and approval thirty days after the final adjournment of town meeting. The amendments voted under Articles 10, 11, and 12 were adopted at the May 3, 2008, Annual Town Meeting but not received by our Office until January 5, 2009. The failure to submit proposed by-law amendments to the Attorney General in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 32, affects the effective date of the by-laws. Therefore, as you are aware, the by-laws adopted under Articles 10, 11, and 12 have not taken effect and will not take effect until the posting and publication requirements set out in Section 32 have been satisfied. We suggest that you discuss this issue in more detail with your Town Counsel.

Note: Under G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of this section. Once this statutory duty is fulfilled, (1) general by-laws and amendments take effect on the date that these posting and publishing requirements are satisfied unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law, and (2) zoning by-laws and amendments are deemed to have taken effect from the date they were voted by Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.

If the Attorney General has disapproved and deleted one or more portions of any by-law or by-law amendment submitted for approval, only those portions approved are to be posted and published pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32. We ask that you forward to us a copy of the final text of the by-law or by-law amendments reflecting any such deletion. It will be sufficient to send us a copy of the text posted and published by the Town Clerk pursuant to this statute.

Nothing in the Attorney General's approval authorizes an exemption from any applicable state law or regulation governing the subject of the by-law submitted for approval.

Very truly yours,

MARTHA COAKLEY
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kelli E. Gunagan

by: Kelli E. Gunagan, Assistant Attorney General
By-law Coordinator, Municipal Law Unit
1350 Main Street, 4th Floor
Springfield, MA 01103-1629
(413) 784-1240, x 7717

enc.

cc: Town Counsel

Section 9: Penalties

Any person violating this bylaw shall be liable to the Town of Wenham in the amount of $50.00 for the first violation and $100.00 for each subsequent violation which shall inure to the Town direct. Fines shall be recovered by indictment, or on complaint before the District Court, or by non-criminal disposition in accordance with section 21D of chapter 40 of the General Laws of Massachusetts. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

The Wenham Police and the Wenham Water Department Superintendent are hereby authorized to enforce this bylaw under section 21D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Section 10: Severability

The invalidity of any portion or provision of this bylaw shall not invalidate any other portion or provision thereof.

TOWN OF WENHAM
MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF WENHAM
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008
7AM - 8PM
BUKER SCHOOL

QUESTION ONE CAPITAL OVERRIDE

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $153,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding capital improvements, consisting of the purchase of one Police cruiser, Highway Department backhoe, catch basin replacements two garage door replacements at Highway Garage, and a Fire Station tight tank for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008?

YES	**767**
NO	**479**
BLANKS	7
WRITE-IN	0
TOTAL VOTE	**1253**

QUESTION TWO OPERATING BUDGET - REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to assess an additional $601,267 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying Wenham's share of the total authorize annual operating expenses of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District in excess of the portion approved under Article 2, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2008?

YES	**750**
NO	**500**
BLANKS	3
WRITE-IN	0
TOTAL VOTE	**1253**

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENHAM

MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

CLOSING OF MAY 2008 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, TOWN MEETING, HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL ELECTION AND OVERRIDE ELECTION

MAY 27, 2008

At a duly posted meeting of the Board of Wenham Selectman on May 27, 2008 at 7:00PM, Moderator Paul D. Weaver reconvened the Annual Town Meeting.

Present: Selectmen John Clemenzi, Harriet Davis, Lawrence Swartz
Moderator Paul Weaver
Town Clerk Frances Young

There being no further business to come before the Meeting and the Elections having been completed, the Moderator asked for a motion to dissolve the Meeting. Selectman Harriet Davis made the motion and it was seconded from the floor.

The 2008 Annual Town Meeting and Elections were declared unanimously dissolved at 7:02PM.

ATTEST: Frances Harte Young
Frances Harte Young, Wenham Town Clerk

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

William Francis Galvin

Secretary of the Commonwealth

ESSEX, SS

To the Constable of the **TOWN OF WENHAM**

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at

PRECINCT ONE BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL 5 SCHOOL STREET

On **TUESDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2008** from 7:00AM to 8:00PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	**FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH**
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	**FOR THE SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRIC**
COUNCILLOR	**FOR THE FIFTH COUNCILLOR DISTRICT**
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	**FOR THE FIRST ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	**FOR THE FOURTH ESSEX DISTRICT**
REGISTER OF PROBATE	**FOR THE ESSEX COUNTY**

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 12th day of August (month), 2008.

Selectmen of WENHAM

I have this day posted printed, attested copies of this warrant as directed by the Selectmen.

(Constable) _____ 09/06 (Month/Day), 2008

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Elections Division

Return of Votes - DEMOCRAT STATE PRIMARY September 16, 2008

WENHAM

Total Number of Persons Who Voted in the
DEMOCRAT STATE PRIMARY 165

********* ATTENTION CLERK : SIGN AND RETURN AT ONCE *********
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I certify that all ballots cast for candidates
in the DEMOCRAT STATE PRIMARY held on September 16, 2008
have been counted and recorded in accordance with the law,
and that the following return of votes is correct

Clerk: Frances Harte Young

Party: **DEMOCRAT**

Office Name:		**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**
District Name:	0001	**STATEWIDE**
Town Name:	320	**WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
1	JOHN F. KERRY	**109**
2	EDWARD J. O'REILLY	**55**

All Others	**0**
Blanks	**1**
Total Votes Cast	**165**

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Office Name:		**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**
District Name:	0007	**SIXTH DISTRICT**
Town Name:	320	**WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
1	JOHN F. TIERNEY	**116**

All Others	**1**
Blanks	**48**
Total Votes Cast	**165**

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Office Name:		**COUNCILLOR**
District Name:	0016	**FIFTH DISTRICT**
Town Name:	320	**WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
1	MARY-ELLEN MANNING	**79**

Party: **DEMOCRAT**

Office Name: **COUNCILLOR**
District Name: 0016 **FIFTH DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
2	TIMOTHY P. HOUTEN	**33**
	All Others	**0**
	Blanks	**53**
	Total Votes Cast	**165**

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Office Name: **SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**
District Name: 0027 **FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
	No Nomination	**0**
	All Others	**1**
	Blanks	**164**
	Total Votes Cast	**165**

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Office Name: **REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**
District Name: 0086 **FOURTH ESSEX DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
1	DONALD BUMILLER	**87**
	All Others	**0**
	Blanks	**78**
	Total Votes Cast	**165**

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Party: **DEMOCRAT**

Office Name:		**REGISTER OF PROBATE**
District Name:	0235	**ESSEX COUNTY**
Town Name:	320	**WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
1	PAMELA CASEY O'BRIEN	**101**
	All Others	**0**
	Blanks	**64**
	Total Votes Cast	**165**

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WCOA - Holiday plants for Wenham residents age 80 and over.
In 2008, over 185 plants were delivered

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Elections Division

Return of Votes - GREEN-RAINBOW STATE PRIMARY September 16, 2008

WENHAM

Total Number of Persons Who Voted in the
GREEN-RAINBOW STATE PRIMARY 0

********* ATTENTION CLERK : SIGN AND RETURN AT ONCE *********
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I certify that all ballots cast for candidates
in the GREEN-RAINBOW STATE PRIMARY held on September 16, 2008
have been counted and recorded in accordance with the law,
and that the following return of votes is correct

Clerk: Frances Hartt Clerk

Party: **GREEN-RAINBOW**

Office Name: **SENATOR IN CONGRESS**
District Name: 0001 **STATEWIDE**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	**0**
All Others	**0**
Blanks	**0**
Total Votes Cast	**0**

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Office Name: **REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**
District Name: 0007 **SIXTH DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	**0**
All Others	**0**
Blanks	**0**
Total Votes Cast	**0**

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Office Name: **COUNCILLOR**
District Name: 0016 **FIFTH DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	**0**
All Others	**0**
Blanks	**0**
Total Votes Cast	**0**

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Party: **GREEN-RAINBOW**

Office Name: **SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**
District Name: 0027 **FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	0
All Others	0
Blanks	0
Total Votes Cast	0

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Office Name: **REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**
District Name: 0086 **FOURTH ESSEX DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	0
All Others	0
Blanks	0
Total Votes Cast	0

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Office Name: **REGISTER OF PROBATE**
District Name: 0235 **ESSEX COUNTY**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	0
All Others	0
Blanks	0
Total Votes Cast	0

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Elections Division

Return of Votes - REPUBLICAN STATE PRIMARY September 16, 2008

WENHAM

Total Number of Persons Who Voted in the
REPUBLICAN STATE PRIMARY 70

********* ATTENTION CLERK : SIGN AND RETURN AT ONCE *********
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I certify that all ballots cast for candidates
in the REPUBLICAN STATE PRIMARY held on September 16, 2008
have been counted and recorded in accordance with the law,
and that the following return of votes is correct

Clerk: [signature]

Party: **REPUBLICAN**

Office Name: **SENATOR IN CONGRESS**
District Name: 0001 **STATEWIDE**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
1	JEFFREY K. BEATTY	**62**
*	EDWARD J. O'REILLY	**0**
	All Others	**1**
	Blanks	**7**
	Total Votes Cast	**70**

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Office Name: **REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**
District Name: 0007 **SIXTH DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
1	RICHARD A. BAKER	**60**
	All Others	**0**
	Blanks	**10**
	Total Votes Cast	**70**

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Office Name: **COUNCILLOR**
District Name: 0016 **FIFTH DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
	No Nomination	**0**
	All Others	**6**
	Blanks	**64**
	Total Votes Cast	**70**

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Office Name: **SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**
District Name: 0027 **FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
1	BRUCE E. TARR	**66**
	All Others	**0**
	Blanks	**4**
	Total Votes Cast	**70**

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Office Name: **REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**
District Name: 0086 **FOURTH ESSEX DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
1	BRADFORD R. HILL	**65**
	All Others	**0**
	Blanks	**5**
	Total Votes Cast	**70**

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Office Name: **REGISTER OF PROBATE**
District Name: 0235 **ESSEX COUNTY**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes
	No Nomination	**0**
	All Others	**8**
	Blanks	**62**
	Total Votes Cast	**70**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Elections Division

Return of Votes - WORKING FAMILIES STATE PRIMARY September 16, 2008

WENHAM

Total Number of Persons Who Voted in the
WORKING FAMILIES STATE PRIMARY 0

********* ATTENTION CLERK : SIGN AND RETURN AT ONCE *********
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I certify that all ballots cast for candidates
in the WORKING FAMILIES STATE PRIMARY held on September 16, 2008
have been counted and recorded in accordance with the law,
and that the following return of votes is correct

Clerk: James Harte Clerk

Office Name: **SENATOR IN CONGRESS**
District Name: 0001 **STATEWIDE**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	**0**
All Others	**0**
Blanks	**0**
Total Votes Cast	**0**

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Office Name: **REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**
District Name: 0007 **SIXTH DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	**0**
All Others	**0**
Blanks	**0**
Total Votes Cast	**0**

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Office Name: **COUNCILLOR**
District Name: 0016 **FIFTH DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	**0**
All Others	**0**
Blanks	**0**
Total Votes Cast	**0**

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Party: **WORKING FAMILIES**

Office Name: **SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**
District Name: 0027 **FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	0
All Others	0
Blanks	0
Total Votes Cast	0

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Office Name: **REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**
District Name: 0086 **FOURTH ESSEX DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	0
All Others	0
Blanks	0
Total Votes Cast	0

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Office Name: **REGISTER OF PROBATE**
District Name: 0235 **ESSEX COUNTY**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

Candidates	Votes
No Nomination	0
All Others	0
Blanks	0
Total Votes Cast	0

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

SS.

To either of the Constables of the (City or Town) of **WENHAM**

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said (city or town) who are qualified to vote in the State Election to vote at

PRECINCT ONE
(insert ward/precinct numbers)

GYMNASIUM AT BESSIE BUKER SCHOOL
(insert polling locations)

on **TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008,** from 7 :00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT . . . . . .STATEWIDE
SENATOR IN CONGRESS . . . .FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS . . . . . _____ DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR . . . . . _____ DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT . . . . . _____ DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. . . . . _____ DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE . . . . . _____ COUNTY
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS) . . . . . _____ COUNTY
(COUNTY TREASURER). . . . . _____ COUNTY
(BARNSTABLE ASSEMBLY DELEGATE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION FRANKLIN COUNCIL OF GOVT) _____ COUNTY
(REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE) . . . . . _____ DISTRICT
(COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSIONER) . . . . . _____ DISTRICT

VACANCIES:
REGISTER OF DEEDS. . . . . BRISTOL NORTHERN DISTRICT ONLY
CLERK OF COURTS . . . . . PLYMOUTH COUNTY

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for all categories of taxable income for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

The personal income tax applies to income received or gain realized by individuals and married couples, by estates of deceased persons, by certain trustees and other fiduciaries, by persons who are partners in and receive income from partnerships, by corporate trusts, and by persons who receive income as shareholders of "S corporations" as defined under federal tax law. The proposed law would not affect the tax due on income or gain realized in a tax year beginning before January 1, 2009.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

A NO VOTE would make no change in state income tax laws.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties, to be enforced by issuing citations, and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state's criminal record information system. Offenders age 18 or older would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a civil penalty of $100. Offenders under the age of 18 would be subject to the same forfeiture and, if they complete a drug awareness program within one year of the offense, the same $100 penalty.

Offenders under 18 and their parents or legal guardian would be notified of the offense and the option for the offender to complete a drug awareness program developed by the state Department of Youth Services. Such programs would include ten hours of community service and at least four hours of instruction or group discussion concerning the use and abuse of marijuana and other drugs and emphasizing early detection and prevention of substance abuse.

The penalty for offenders under 18 who fail to complete such a program within one year could be increased to as much as $1,000, unless the offender showed an inability to pay, an inability to participate in such a program, or the unavailability of such a program. Such an offender's parents could also be held liable for the increased penalty. Failure by an offender under 17 to complete such a program could also be a basis for a delinquency proceeding.

The proposed law would define possession of one ounce or less of marijuana as including possession of one ounce or less of tetrahydrocannibinol ("THC"), or having metabolized products of marijuana or THC in one's body.

Under the proposed law, possessing an ounce or less of marijuana could not be grounds for state or local government entities imposing any other penalty, sanction, or disqualification, such as denying student financial aid, public housing, public financial assistance including unemployment benefits, the right to operate a motor vehicle, or the opportunity to serve as a foster or adoptive parent. The proposed law would allow local ordinances or bylaws that prohibit the public use of marijuana, and would not affect existing laws, practices, or policies concerning operating a motor vehicle or taking other actions while under the influence of marijuana, unlawful possession of prescription forms of marijuana, or selling, manufacturing, or trafficking in marijuana.

The money received from the new civil penalties would go to the city or town where the offense occurred.

A YES VOTE would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties.

A NO VOTE would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs.

The State Racing Commission would be prohibited from accepting or approving any application or request for racing dates for dog racing.

Any person violating the proposed law could be required to pay a civil penalty of not less than $20,000 to the Commission. The penalty would be used for the Commission's administrative purposes, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature. All existing parts of the chapter of the state's General Laws concerning dog and horse racing meetings would be interpreted as if they did not refer to dogs.

These changes would take effect January 1, 2010. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would prohibit dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective January 1, 2010.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

ADD IN ANY OTHER LOCAL BINDING QUESTIONS OR PUBLIC POLICY QUESTIONS

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 27th day of October (month) 2008.

(Selectmen or City Council) of: TOWN OF WENHAM
(City or Town)

4 PUBLIC LOCATIONS; POST OFFICE, FIRE STATION; LIBRARY; TOWN HALL
(Indicate method of service of warrant.)

Constable 10/28 (month and day), 2008.

Warrant must be posted by **October 28, 2008,** (at least *seven days prior* to the **November 4, 2008**, State Election).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Elections Division

Return of Votes - STATE ELECTION November 04, 2008

WENHAM

Total Number of Persons Who Voted in the
STATE ELECTION 2345

********* ATTENTION CLERK : SIGN AND RETURN AT ONCE *********
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I certify that all ballots cast for candidates
in the STATE ELECTION held on November 04, 2008
have been counted and recorded in accordance with the law,
and that the following return of votes is correct

Clerk: James Hart Young

Office Name: **ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**
District Name: 0001 **STATEWIDE**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes	Party:
1	**BALDWIN AND CASTLE**	**5**	CONSTITUTION PARTY
2	**BARR AND ROOT**	**15**	LIBERTARIAN
3	**McCAIN AND PALIN**	**1108**	REPUBLICAN
4	**McKINNEY AND CLEMENTE**	**3**	GREEN-RAINBOW
5	**NADER AND GONZALEZ**	**9**	UNENROLLED
6	**OBAMA AND BIDEN**	**1182**	DEMOCRAT
*	CLINTON AND UNKNOWN	**0**	DEMOCRAT
*	PAUL AND UNKNOWN	**0**	REPUBLICAN

All Others	**12**
Blanks	**11**
Total Votes Cast	**2345**

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Office Name: **SENATOR IN CONGRESS**
District Name: 0001 **STATEWIDE**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes	Party:
1	**JOHN F. KERRY**	**1199**	DEMOCRAT
2	**JEFFREY K. BEATTY**	**1040**	REPUBLICAN
3	**ROBERT J. UNDERWOOD**	**49**	LIBERTARIAN

All Others	**2**
Blanks	**55**
Total Votes Cast	**2345**

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Office Name: **REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**
District Name: 0007 **SIXTH DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes	Party:
1	**JOHN F. TIERNEY**	**1322**	DEMOCRAT
2	**RICHARD A. BAKER**	**931**	REPUBLICAN

All Others	**0**
Blanks	**92**
Total Votes Cast	**2345**

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Office Name: **COUNCILLOR**
District Name: 0016 **FIFTH DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes	Party:
1	**MARY-ELLEN MANNING**	**1461**	DEMOCRAT
*	TIMOTHY P. HOUTEN	**0**	DEMOCRAT

All Others	**18**
Blanks	**866**
Total Votes Cast	**2345**

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Office Name: **SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**
District Name: 0027 **FIRST ESSEX & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes	Party:
1	**BRUCE E. TARR**	**1894**	REPUBLICAN

All Others	**18**
Blanks	**433**
Total Votes Cast	**2345**

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Office Name: **REGISTER OF PROBATE**
District Name: 0235 **ESSEX COUNTY**
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM**

	Candidates	Votes	Party:
1	**PAMELA CASEY O'BRIEN**	**1461**	DEMOCRAT

All Others	**17**
Blanks	**867**
Total Votes Cast	**2345**

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Offices Requiring Ward and Precinct Breakdown

Office Name: REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
District Name: 0086 FOURTH ESSEX DISTRICT
Town Name: 320 **WENHAM** Ward: **0** Precinct: **1**

	Candidates	Votes	Party:
1	**BRADFORD R. HILL**	**1650**	REPUBLICAN
2	**DONALD BUMILLER**	**521**	DEMOCRAT

All Others	**2**
Blanks	**172**
Total Votes Cast	**2345**

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Town Name: **0320** **WENHAM**

Question **1**

C - END INCOME TAX (LAW)

Yes **794** No **1490** Blank **61** Total **2345**

Question **2**

A-SENSIBLE MARIHUANA POLICY (LAW)

Yes **1393** No **903** Blank **49** Total **2345**

Question **3**

F - PROTECT GREYHOUNDS 2010 (LAW)

Yes **1367** No **909** Blank **69** Total **2345**

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TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE 30, 2008

Eastern Bank - Vendor Account	$0.00
Eastern Bank - Payroll Account	$0.00
Eastern Bank - Payroll Tax Account	$0.00
Eastern Bank - Operating Acct.	$862,589.88
Eastern Bank - CPA CDs	$841,490.48
Eastern Bank - Planning Bd. Contingency Fund	$5,020.49
Eastern Bank - Burley St. Contingency Fund	$352.05
Eastern Bank - Iron Rail Security Deposit	$6,706.02
Eastern Bank - Town Hall/Police Station Money Market	$290,311.83
Century Bank - Money Market Acct.	$985,533.26
Unibank - Operating Acct.	$129,701.20
Bartholomew - Trust & Misc. Fund Investment Account	$1,390,216.74
Citizen's Bank - Affordable Housing Acct	$710,896.91
TD Banknorth - Contingency Investment Acct.	$732,297.94
Total Bank Balance as of June 30, 2008	**$5,955,116.80**

Fire Department Open House

TOWN OF WENHAM
TRUST FUND REPORT
JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008

NAME OF FUND	ORIGINAL ENDOWMENT	BALANCE 7/1/2007	INTEREST EARNED	OTHER INCOME	EXPENDED	BALANCE 6/30/2008
Cemetery Flower Funds						
Abbott Fund	200.00	233.18	11.75		10.76	234.17
George Badger Fund	100.00	117.11	5.94		4.88	118.17
Batchelder Fund	400.00	507.18	25.18		34.40	497.96
Becker Fund	1,000.00	1,207.88	60.59		58.80	1,209.67
Lloyd Brooks Fund	200.00	274.67	12.96		23.64	263.99
John D. Cannon Fund	175.00	203.77	10.29		8.76	205.30
Frank Corning Fund	200.00	233.18	11.75		10.76	234.17
D'Ambrosio Fund	200.00	298.30	14.67		26.52	286.45
Elizabeth Dodge Fund	200.00	233.18	11.75		10.76	234.17
Philip Ellwood Dodge Fund	200.00	233.20	11.75		10.76	234.19
Margaret R. Dudley Fund	200.00	233.18	11.75		10.76	234.17
Almont & Eleanor Elwell Fund	200.00	228.07	11.67		5.76	233.98
A & E Cosh Fund	500.00	650.13	32.66		23.14	659.65
Dorothy Pulsifier Fund	500.00	630.25	32.23		0.00	662.48
Mercy Featherstone Fund	425.00	514.27	25.72		26.52	513.47
Goodridge & Larabee Fund	200.00	233.18	11.75		10.76	234.17
Earle E. Johnson Fund	200.00	233.19	11.75		10.76	234.18
Col. Henry F. Kent Fund	200.00	233.18	11.75		10.76	234.17
George Kilham Fund	200.00	233.23	11.75		10.76	234.22
William E. Ludden Fund	200.00	281.20	13.98		21.52	273.66
Walter C. Ober Fund	400.00	531.49	27.17		20.16	538.50
Lena Peck Fund	225.00	302.52	14.91		23.64	293.79
A & M Perkins Fund	200.00	256.12	12.71		18.64	250.19
Edward A. Perkins Fund	200.00	312.81	15.43		29.40	298.84
Ruth D. Perkins Fund	500.00	808.60	39.83		77.44	770.99
John H. Rice Fund	100.00	122.90	6.18		5.88	123.20
Ralph M. Smith Fund	200.00	337.54	16.06		44.40	309.20
Elbridge Stanley Fund	200.00	233.18	11.92		5.76	239.34
Ethel B. Wentworth Fund	200.00	302.09	15.46		14.40	303.15
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		206,878.45	10,059.81	5,250.00	15,260.95	206,927.31
Conservation Fund	0.00	41,017.50	2,097.21			43,114.71
General Cemetery Funds						
David O. Allen Fund	475.00	1,377.72	70.44			1,448.16
Hattie L. Batchelder Fund	596.68	1,454.21	74.35			1,528.56
JH & ML Perkins Fund	1,000.00	1,960.77	100.24			2,061.01
Ethel B. Wentworth Fund	1,000.00	1,629.59	83.32			1,712.91
General Charity Funds						
John K. Dodge Fund	500.00	648.41	33.22		127.75	553.88
Mary E. Perkins Fund	3,000.00	3,247.25	166.13		212.84	3,200.54
Ralph M. Smith Fund	34,000.00	35,936.87	1,838.17		1,667.34	36,107.70
Elizabeth P. Tilton Fund	3,000.00	3,270.20	167.31		232.60	3,204.91
Benjamin F. Young Fund	1,620.00	1,921.41	98.35		259.47	1,760.29
Scholarship Fund		1,490.30	78.72	378.00		1,947.02
Education Fund		5,547.41	296.71	1,003.00		6,847.12
Elderly and Disabled Fund		3,738.67	199.35	1,234.00		5,172.02
Library Memorial Funds						
Louise E. Brown Fund	66,108.65	76,596.70	3,874.84		3,568.84	76,902.70
Charles W.& Marjorie Davis Fund	4,780.00	5,845.29	298.89			6,144.18
Judson W. Dodge Fund	500.00	1,436.08	73.41			1,509.49
Edwin P. Hawkins Fund	100.00	454.99	23.25			478.24
Nielson Fund	3,000.00	6,173.01	315.61			6,488.62
Rae Scott Memorial Trust	12,000.00	12,107.87	600.95		465.18	12,243.64
Dorothy Jones Library Fund	42.37	78.91	4.04			82.95
Francis Dolan Library Fund	260.36	475.44	24.32			499.76
Bernice H. Mersereau Library Fund	1,163.64	2,090.22	106.89			2,197.11
Leon W. Bishop Library Fund	1,164.97	1,282.87	65.60			1,348.47
Dodge Public Library Fund	1,808.95	3,240.94	165.72			3,406.66
John Harnett Jr. Library Fund	2,430.15	4,346.53	222.25			4,568.78
Justin Allen Library Fund	1,164.12	1,558.14	79.69			1,637.83
John F. & Ann Neary Library Fund	2,776.45	4,509.06	230.53			4,739.59
Priscilla Johnson Library Fund	540.00	762.23	38.99			801.22
Anita Bruyere Library Fund	490.00	876.31	44.80			921.11
Dr. Donald Conwell Library Fund	3,570.00	6,173.69	315.64			6,489.33
Katlyn MacCready Bird Educ'l Lib Fund	9,248.68	12,312.14	929.39			13,241.53
Marion K. Wilks Library Fund	2,490.00	2,990.16	152.88			3,143.04
James Hompe Memorial Library Fund	940.00	1,773.17	90.65			1,863.82
Percival & Elinor G. Whipple Library Fun	9,490.00	17,030.12	870.73			17,900.85
Newalt Rose A. Richards Mem'l Lib Trust	2,935.00	3,280.43	167.73			3,448.16
Eleanor H. Belton Mem'l Lib Trust	1,100.00	1,713.35	87.61			1,800.96
Elizabeth L. Beckett Mem'l Lib Trust Func	975.00	1,515.27	77.48			1,592.75
Katherine Duffy Lib Trust Fund	65,000.00	146,242.05	7,457.64		708.00	152,991.69
Susan D Lillie Library Trust Fund	48,000.00	0.00	750.00		247.00	48,503.00
Stabilization Fund	0.00	443,183.63	22,659.81			465,843.44
TOTALS	**295,195.02**	**1,078,386.14**	**55,603.98**	**7,865.00**	**23,320.47**	**1,166,534.65**
Treasurer Balance	**1,166,534.65**					
Accountants Balance	**1,167,684.65**					
DIFFERENCE	**-1,150.00**	Year End Transfers				

TOWN OF WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2008

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Wenham, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts' management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, where applicable, thereof for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 31, 2008, on our consideration of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Management's discussion and analysis, located on the following pages, and the schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance – general fund and community preservation fund – budgetary basis, schedule of funding progress, and schedule of employer contributions located after the notes to the basic financial statements, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Powers & Sullivan

October 31, 2008

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. These basic financial statements comprise of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of finances, in a manner similar to private-sector business.

The *statement of net assets* presents information on all assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net assets*. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities)* from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities)*. The governmental activities include general government, public safety, education, public works, human services, culture and recreation, community preservation, and interest. The Town's business-type activities related to the water activities.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund statements focus on *near-term inflows of spendable resources,* as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The Town adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund and community preservation fund. Budgetary comparison schedules have been provided as required supplementary information after the notes to the financial statements to demonstrate compliance with these budgets.

Proprietary funds. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The Town maintains one proprietary fund to account for its water activities.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the Town's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for propriety funds. The Town does not report any fiduciary funds.

Notes to the basic financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information* concerning the Town's budgetary basis of accounting as well as pension obligations.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The Town's governmental assets exceeded liabilities by $10.7 million at the close of FY2008. Key components of the Town's governmental financial position are listed below.

	Governmental Activities	
	FY08	FY07
Assets:		
Current assets	$ 6,424,664	$ 9,372,682
Noncurrent assets (excluding capital)	236,318	187,226
Capital assets	12,913,941	10,098,076
Total assets	**19,574,923**	**19,657,984**
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	351,999	1,005,479
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	115,000	149,000
Current debt	1,181,811	2,357,000
Noncurrent debt	7,210,000	7,735,000
Total liabilities	**8,858,810**	**11,246,479**
Net Assets:		
Capital assets net of related debt	4,522,130	3,270,852
Restricted	3,642,137	1,754,003
Unrestricted	2,551,846	3,386,650
Total net assets	$ **10,716,113**	$ **8,411,505**

Net assets of $4.5 million (42%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the investment in its capital assets is reported net of its related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A restricted portion of the net assets totaling $3.6 million (34%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of *unrestricted net assets* totaling $2.5 million (24%) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net assets.

Governmental Activities

The governmental activities of the Town are detailed below. The governmental activities net assets increased by $2.3 million during the current fiscal year which is primarily the result of $1.1 million of federal funds to repair flood damaged culverts, and a $700 thousand gift from a developer which the Town plans to use to purchase land for affordable housing.

	FY08	FY07
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	$ 1,037,124	$ 1,126,057
Operating grants and contributions	1,178,174	747,655
Capital grants and contributions	1,083,825	238,844
General Revenues:		
Real estate and personal property taxes	10,709,759	9,625,024
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	574,638	543,602
Community preservation surcharge	264,430	237,711
Nonrestricted grants	556,416	540,610
Unrestricted investment income	238,430	243,734
Other revenues	63,164	196,791
Total revenues	**15,705,960**	**13,500,028**
Expenses:		
General Government	1,128,379	1,112,356
Public Safety	2,516,640	2,483,245
Education	6,614,986	6,166,061
Public Works	1,360,997	1,295,769
Human Services	122,213	121,740
Culture and Recreation	1,181,897	977,010
Community preservation	70,059	20,595
Interest	406,181	220,298
Total expenses	**13,401,352**	**12,397,074**
Change in net assets	$ **2,304,608**	$ **1,102,954**

Business-type Activities

The Town's business-type activities reflect the operations of the Town's water enterprise fund. Business-type assets exceeded liabilities by $810,000 at the close of fiscal year 2008. The following table identifies key elements of the net assets of the Town's business-type activities.

	FY08	FY07
Assets:		
Current assets	$ 718,823	$ 392,366
Capital assets	1,598,363	1,336,387
Total assets	**2,317,186**	**1,728,753**
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	263,986	26,089
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	23,000	22,000
Current debt	370,189	75,000
Noncurrent debt	850,000	925,000
Total liabilities	**1,507,175**	**1,048,089**
Net Assets:		
Capital assets net of related debt	140,223	336,387
Unrestricted	669,788	344,277
Total net assets	$ **810,011**	$ **680,664**

The Town's business type activities net assets increased by $129,000 during the current fiscal year. The results reflect the Town's intention to recover (100%) of its costs of operations through rates.

	FY08	FY07
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	$ 487,354	$ 492,794
Expenses:		
Water expenses	311,922	285,350
Interest	46,085	44,994
Total expenses	**358,007**	**330,344**
Change in net assets	$ **129,347**	$ **162,450**

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, *unreserved fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $4.6 million, a decrease of $998,000 from the prior year.

The General Fund is the Town's chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund totaled $664,000, while total fund balance totaled $1.4 million. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents (5%) of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents (10%) of that same amount. The General Fund's results of operation resulted in an $80,000 decrease in fund balance.

The Town voted to establish a community preservation fund in fiscal year 2006, which is funded by a combination of real estate surcharges to tax payers and a matching grant from the Commonwealth. At the end of fiscal year 2008, the fund had a positive balance of $939,000. As funds accumulate, the Town expects to appropriate funds in accordance with the legislation and in the best interest of the Town of Wenham.

The Town received a gift of $703 thousand to purchase land for the purpose of providing space to build affordable housing. No land was purchased during fiscal year 2008.

The Town expended $2.7 million during fiscal year 2008 for the completion of the Town Hall and Police Station renovation. At year end there remained $200,631 of unexpended bond funds.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Town adopted a $13.4 million dollar budget for the General Fund. The budget was financed through current revenues and prior year reserves. Actual revenues came in $1,700 over budget, while actual expenditures came in $222,000 under budget, resulting in a net budget to actual positive variance of $224,000. Consequently, rather than the budgeted $466,000 decrease in fund balance, the Town experienced a $242,000 decrease in fund balance on a budgetary basis, including current year encumbrances.

The Town's Community Preservation Special Revenue fund adopted a $510 thousand revenue budget and a $307 thousand expenditure budget for fiscal year 2008. The fund increased its fund balance by $256 thousand during fiscal year 2008.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Outstanding long-term debt of governmental activities, as of June 30, 2008, totaled $7.7 million and bond anticipation notes of $657,000. The Water Enterprise Fund has $925,000 of long-term debt and bond anticipation notes of $295,000 outstanding at year end which are fully supported by water rates.

During the fiscal year, the Town acquired $3.6 million in new capital assets. Significant additions consisted of $2.7 million for work relating to the Town Hall/Police Station project, $332,000 for infrastructure, and $221,000 for the Lord's Hill water tank rehabilitation project.

Please refer to the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements for further discussion of the debt and capital activity.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Finance Director, Wenham Town Hall, 138 Main Street, Wenham, MA 01984.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2008

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
CURRENT:			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 4,607,858	$ 565,165	$ 5,173,023
Investments	788,922	-	788,922
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Real estate and personal property taxes	192,952	-	192,952
Community preservation fund surtax	4,562	-	4,562
Tax liens	28,795	-	28,795
Motor vehicle excise taxes	67,010	-	67,010
Water fees	-	153,658	153,658
Departmental and other	24,239	-	24,239
Intergovernmental	169,564	-	169,564
Community preservation fund state share	243,755	-	243,755
Tax foreclosures	297,007	-	297,007
NONCURRENT:			
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Real estate tax deferrals	236,318	-	236,318
Capital assets, nondepreciable	486,680	237,951	724,631
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	12,427,261	1,360,412	13,787,673
TOTAL ASSETS	19,574,923	2,317,186	21,892,109
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT:			
Warrants payable	198,636	263,986	462,622
Accrued interest	105,839	-	105,839
Other liabilities	12,524	-	12,524
Compensated absences	35,000	-	35,000
Bonds and notes payable	1,181,811	370,189	1,552,000
NONCURRENT:			
Compensated absences	115,000	23,000	138,000
Bonds and notes payable	7,210,000	850,000	8,060,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,858,810	1,507,175	10,365,985
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	4,522,130	378,174	4,900,304
Restricted for:			
Permanent funds:			
Expendable	119,909	-	119,909
Nonexpendable	538,189	-	538,189
Other purposes	2,984,039	-	2,984,039
Unrestricted	2,551,846	431,837	2,983,683
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$ 10,716,113	$ 810,011	$ 11,526,124

See notes to basic financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General government	$ 1,128,379	$ 164,683	$ 717,087	$ -	$ (246,609)
Public safety	2,516,640	208,210	57,008	-	(2,251,422)
Education	6,614,986	-	11,000	-	(6,603,986)
Public works	1,360,997	26,249	-	1,083,825	(250,923)
Human services	122,213	48,512	17,074	-	(56,627)
Culture and recreation	1,181,897	589,470	138,291	-	(454,136)
Community preservation	70,059	-	237,714	-	167,655
Interest	406,181	-	-	-	(406,181)
Total Governmental Activities	13,401,352	1,037,124	1,178,174	1,083,825	**(10,102,229)**
Business-Type Activities:					
Water	358,007	487,354	-	-	**129,347**
Total Primary Government	$ 13,759,359	$ 1,524,478	$ 1,178,174	$ 1,083,825	$ **(9,972,882)**

See notes to basic financial statements.

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Council On Aging Ice Cream Social

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Continued)

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Changes in net assets:			
Net (expense) revenue from previous page.....	$ (10,102,229)	$ 129,347	$ (9,972,882)
General revenues:			
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds payable.....	10,709,759	-	10,709,759
Motor vehicle excise taxes.....	574,638	-	574,638
Community preservation surcharge.....	264,430	-	264,430
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs.....	556,416	-	556,416
Unrestricted investment income.....	238,430	-	238,430
Miscellaneous.....	63,164	-	63,164
Total general revenues and transfers.....	12,406,837	-	12,406,837
Change in net assets.....	2,304,608	129,347	2,433,955
Net Assets:			
Beginning of year.....	8,411,505	680,664	9,092,169
End of year.....	$ 10,716,113	$ 810,011	$ 11,526,124

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2008

ASSETS	General	Community Preservation	Town Hall and Police Station	Emergency Culvert Repair
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,478,995	$ 938,992	$ 206,183	$ 180,533
Investments	-	-	-	-
Receivables, net of uncollectibles:				
Real estate and personal property taxes	192,952	-	-	-
Real estate tax deferrals	236,318	-	-	-
Community preservation fund surtax	-	4,562	-	-
Tax liens	28,795	-	-	-
Motor vehicle excise taxes	67,010	-	-	-
Departmental and other	24,239	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	6,085	-	-	-
Community preservation fund state share	-	243,755	-	-
Tax foreclosures	297,007	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 2,331,401	$ 1,187,309	$ 206,183	$ 180,533
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES:				
Warrants payable	$ 174,459	$ -	$ 5,552	$ -
Other liabilities	6,068	-	-	-
Deferred revenues	788,315	248,317	-	-
Notes payable	-	-	-	656,811
TOTAL LIABILITIES	968,842	248,317	5,552	656,811
FUND BALANCES:				
Reserved for:				
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	106,093	-	-	-
Perpetual permanent funds	-	-	-	-
Unreserved:				
Designated for subsequent year's expenditures	590,664	-	-	-
Undesignated, reported in:				
General fund	665,802	-	-	-
Special revenue funds	-	938,992	-	-
Capital projects funds	-	-	200,631	(476,278)
Permanent funds	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,362,559	938,992	200,631	(476,278)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 2,331,401	$ 1,187,309	$ 206,183	$ 180,533

See notes to basic financial statements.

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Affordable Housing	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
$ 710,896	$ 1,092,259	$ 4,607,858
-	788,922	788,922
-	-	192,952
-	-	236,318
-	-	4,562
-	-	28,795
-	-	67,010
-	-	24,239
-	163,479	169,564
-	-	243,755
-	-	297,007
$ 710,896	$ 2,044,660	$ 6,660,982

$ -	$ 18,625	$ 198,636
-	6,456	12,524
-	163,479	1,200,111
-	-	656,811
-	188,560	2,068,082
-	-	106,093
-	538,189	538,189
-	-	590,664
-	-	665,802
710,896	1,101,066	2,750,954
-	96,936	(178,711)
-	119,909	119,909
710,896	1,856,100	4,592,900
$ 710,896	$ 2,044,660	$ 6,660,982

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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TOTAL FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2008

Total governmental fund balances		$ 4,592,900
Capital assets (net) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds		12,913,941
Accounts receivable are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds		1,200,111
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due		(105,839)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds		
Bonds and notes payable	(7,735,000)	
Compensated absences	(150,000)	
Net effect of reporting long-term liabilities		(7,885,000)
Net assets of governmental activities		$ 10,716,113

See notes to basic financial statements.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	General	Community Preservation	Town Hall and Police Station	Emergency Culvert Repair
REVENUES:				
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds	$ 10,710,128	$ -	$ -	$ -
Motor vehicle excise taxes	567,062	-	-	-
Community preservation surcharge	-	264,430	-	-
Intergovernmental	1,212,976	-	-	1,084,158
Departmental and other	327,441	-	-	-
Contributions	-	-	-	-
Investment income	148,986	29,671	-	-
Community preservation state match	-	237,714	-	-
Miscellaneous	15,186	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	12,981,779	531,815	-	1,084,158
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
General government	788,873	-	2,715,881	-
Public safety	1,791,942	-	-	-
Education	6,603,986	-	-	-
Public works	1,155,036	-	-	79,700
Human services	92,259	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	720,974	-	-	-
Community preservation	-	70,059	-	-
Pension benefits	338,325	-	-	-
Property and liability insurance	105,026	-	-	-
Employee benefits	604,574	-	-	-
State and county charges	120,747	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal	416,579	111,421	-	-
Interest	336,697	94,659	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	13,075,018	276,139	2,715,881	79,700
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(93,239)	255,676	(2,715,881)	1,004,458
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers in	15,000	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	15,000	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(78,239)	255,676	(2,715,881)	1,004,458
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,440,798	683,316	2,916,512	(1,480,736)
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	$ 1,362,559	$ 938,992	$ 200,631	$ (476,278)

See notes to basic financial statements.

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Affordable Housing	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
$ -	$ -	$ 10,710,128
-	-	567,062
-	-	264,430
-	192,632	2,489,766
703,000	106,891	1,137,332
-	150,964	150,964
7,896	51,877	238,430
-	-	237,714
-	-	15,186
710,896	502,364	15,811,012
-	14,372	3,519,126
-	175,121	1,967,063
-	-	6,603,986
-	200,437	1,435,173
-	10,745	103,004
-	251,979	972,953
-	-	70,059
-	-	338,325
-	-	105,026
-	-	604,574
-	-	120,747
-	-	528,000
-	-	431,356
-	652,654	16,799,392
710,896	(150,290)	(988,380)
-	-	15,000
-	(15,000)	(15,000)
-	(15,000)	-
710,896	(165,290)	(988,380)
-	2,021,390	5,581,280
$ 710,896	$ 1,856,100	$ 4,592,900

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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		$ (988,380)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Capital outlay	3,274,646	
Depreciation expense	(458,781)	
Net effect of reporting capital assets		2,815,865
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., real estate and personal property, motor vehicle excise, etc.) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred revenue		(105,052)
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.		
Debt service principal payments	528,000	
Net effect of reporting long-term debt		528,000
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		
Net change in compensated absences accrual	29,000	
Net change in accrued interest on long-term debt	25,175	
Net effect of recording long-term liabilities and amortizing deferred losses		54,175
Change in net assets of governmental activities		$ 2,304,608

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2008

		Water Enterprise Fund
ASSETS		
CURRENT:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	565,165
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:		
Water fees		153,658
Total current assets		718,823
NONCURRENT:		
Capital assets, nondepreciable		237,951
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		1,360,412
Total noncurrent assets		1,598,363
TOTAL ASSETS		2,317,186
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT:		
Warrants payable		263,986
Bonds and notes payable		370,189
Total current liabilities		634,175
NONCURRENT:		
Compensated absences		23,000
Bonds and notes payable		850,000
Total noncurrent liabilities		873,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,507,175
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		140,223
Unrestricted		669,788
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$	810,011

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Water Enterprise Fund
OPERATING REVENUES:	
Charges for services	$ 487,354
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Cost of services and administration	274,613
Depreciation	37,309
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	311,922
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	175,432
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):	
Interest expense	(46,085)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	129,347
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	680,664
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	$ 810,011

See notes to basic financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

		Water Enterprise Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from customers and users	$	487,474
Payments to vendors		(130,984)
Payments to employees		(125,322)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		231,168
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from the issuance of bonds and notes		295,189
Acquisition and construction of capital assets		(78,695)
Principal payments on bonds and notes		(75,000)
Interest expense		(46,085)
NET CASH FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		95,409
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		326,577
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		238,588
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	$	565,165
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Operating income (loss)	$	175,432
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net Cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation		37,309
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Water fee receivable		120
Warrants payable		17,307
Accrued compensated absences		1,000
Total adjustments		55,736
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	$	231,168

See notes to basic financial statements.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Town of Wenham, Massachusetts (the Town) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the recognized standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant accounting policies are described herein.

A. Reporting Entity

The Town is a municipal corporation governed by an elected three member Board of Selectmen and an appointed Town Administrator.

For financial reporting purposes, the Town has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and institutions. The Town has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable as well as other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Town are such that exclusion would cause the basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. As required by GAAP, these basic financial statements present the Town (the primary government) and its component units. The Town has no Component Units that require inclusion in these basic financial statements.

The Town has an agreement with the Town of Hamilton to operate a Joint Public Library under the direction of a Joint Board of Library Trustees. The Town is the administrator for all matters associated with the management of the Joint Public Library. All revenues and expenditures related to the operation of the Joint Public Library are accounted for in the Town's General Fund. Reimbursements from the Town of Hamilton for their apportioned share of expenditures are recorded as intergovernmental revenue. In fiscal year 2008 operating expenses were approximately $794,000 of which the Town's share was $214,000 and Hamilton's share was $580,000. The $580,000 is reported as intergovernmental revenue.

The Town is a member of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District (the District) which provides educational services to both communities. This joint venture assesses each community its share of operating and debt service costs based on student population and other factors. In fiscal year 2008, Wenham's share of the operating expense was $6,203,000 and its share of the debt service expense was $374,000. There is no equity interest required to be reported in the basic financial statements. Complete audited financial statements can be obtained directly from the District's administrative office located at 5 School Street, Wenham, MA 01984.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. *Governmental activities*, which are primarily supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which are supported primarily by user fees and charges.

Fund Financial Statements

The GASB requires separate financial statements be provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and displayed in a single column.

Major Fund Criteria

Major funds must be reported if the following criteria are met:

- If the total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of an individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding element (assets, liabilities, etc.) for all funds of that category or type (total governmental or total enterprise funds), *and*

- If the total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding element for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

Additionally, any other governmental or enterprise fund that management believes is particularly significant to the basic financial statements may be reported as a major fund.

Internal service funds and fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liabilities are incurred. Real estate and personal property taxes are recognized as revenues in the fiscal year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a particular function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include the following:

- Charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment.

- Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular function or segment.

- Grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the capital requirements of a particular function or segment.

Taxes and other items not identifiable as program revenues are reported as general revenues.

For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide financial statements. However, the effect of interfund services provided and used between functions is not eliminated as the elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the functions affected.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences, claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with current expendable available resources.

Real estate and personal property tax revenues are considered available they are collected within 60 days after fiscal year-end. Investment income is susceptible to accrual. Other receipts and tax revenues become measurable and available when the cash is received and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria is met. Expenditure driven grants recognize revenue when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

The following major governmental funds are reported:

The *general fund* is the primary operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *community preservation fund* is used to account for the proceeds of a surcharge to real estate taxes along with a matching state grant. These funds must be spent in accordance with state law.

The *town hall and police station fund* is used to account for the construction costs of the renovation of these facilities.

The *emergency culvert repair fund* is used to account for the construction costs of the repair of culverts damaged during flooding.

The *affordable housing fund* is used to account for a gift to be used for the purchase of land to use to develop affordable housing.

The nonmajor governmental funds consist of other special revenue, capital projects and permanent funds that are aggregated and presented in the *nonmajor governmental funds* column on the governmental funds financial statements. The following describes the general use of these fund types:

The s*pecial revenue fund* is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than permanent funds or capital projects funds) that are restricted by law or administrative action to expenditures for specified purposes.

The c*apital projects fund* is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by enterprise and trust funds).

The *permanent fund* is used to account for financial resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, may be used for purposes that support the governmental programs.

Proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liabilities are incurred.
Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the proprietary funds principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

The Town of Wenham reports the following proprietary fund:

The *water enterprise fund* is used to account for the Town's water activities.

Fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity for others that cannot be used to support the governmental programs.

The Town does not currently have any funds that are required to be reported as fiduciary funds.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

For enterprise fund accounting, all applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements issued on or prior to November 30, 1989, are applied, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

D. Cash and Investments

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments are carried at fair value.

E. Accounts Receivable

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The recognition of revenue related to accounts receivable reported in the government-wide financial statements are reported under the accrual basis of accounting. The recognition of revenue related to accounts receivable reported in the governmental funds financial statements are reported under the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Real Estate, Personal Property Taxes and Tax Liens

Real estate and personal property taxes are levied and based on values assessed on January 1st of every year. Assessed values are established by the Board of Assessor's for 100% of the estimated fair market value. Taxes are due on August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Real estate and personal property taxes levied are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of the levy.

Real estate tax liens are processed after the close of the valuation year on delinquent properties and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year they are processed.

Real estate receivables are secured via the tax lien process and are considered 100% collectible. Accordingly, an allowance for uncollectibles is not reported.

Personal property taxes cannot be secured through the lien process. The allowance of uncollectibles is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Motor Vehicle Excise

Motor vehicle excise taxes are assessed annually for each vehicle registered and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of the levy. The Commonwealth is responsible for reporting the number of vehicles registered and the fair values of those vehicles. The tax calculation is the fair value of the vehicle multiplied by $25 per $1,000 of value.

The allowance for uncollectibles is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Water Fees

Water user fees are levied monthly based on individual meter readings and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Unbilled user fees are estimated at year-end and are recorded as revenue in the current period. Water liens are processed after year end and included as a lien on the property owner's tax bill.

Since the receivables are secured via the lien process, these accounts are considered 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectibles.

Intergovernmental

Various federal and state grants for operating and capital purposes are applied for and received annually. For non-expenditure driven grants, receivables are recorded as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. For expenditure driven grants, receivables are recorded when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

These receivables are considered 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectibles.

F. Inventories

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Inventories are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. Such inventories are not material in total to the government-wide financial statements.

G. Capital Assets

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, machinery and equipment, and infrastructure (e.g., roads, water mains, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental activity column of the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost, or at estimated historical cost, if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at the estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Capital assets of the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements do not include construction period interest.

All purchases and construction costs in excess of $5,000 are capitalized at the date of acquisition or construction, respectively, with expected useful lives of greater than one year.

Capital assets (excluding land) are depreciated on a straight-line basis. The estimated useful lives of capital assets are as follows:

Capital Asset Type	Estimated Useful Life (in years)
Buildings	40
Machinery and equipment	5-50
Infrastructure	10-60

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized and are treated as expenses when incurred. Improvements are capitalized.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Capital asset costs are recorded as expenditures in the acquiring fund in the fiscal year of the purchase.

H. Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of its operations, transactions occur between and within individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds.

Fund Financial Statements

Transactions of a buyer/seller nature between and within funds are *not* eliminated from the individual fund statements. Receivables and payables resulting from these transactions are classified as "Due from other funds" or "Due to other funds" on the balance sheet.

Government Wide Financial Statements

Transactions of a buyer/seller nature between and within governmental funds are eliminated from the governmental activities in the statement of net assets.

I. Interfund Transfers

During the course of its operations, resources are permanently reallocated between and within funds. These transactions are reported as transfers in and transfers out.

Fund Financial Statements

Transfers between and within funds are *not* eliminated from the individual fund statements and are reported as transfers in and transfers out.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Transfers between and within governmental funds are eliminated from the governmental activities in the statement of net assets. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the Statement of Activities as "Transfers, net".

J. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue at the governmental fund financial statement level represents receivables that do not meet the available criterion in accordance with the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Deferred revenue is recognized as revenue in the conversion to the government-wide (full accrual) financial statements.

K. Net Assets and Fund Equity

Government-Wide Financial Statements (Net Assets)

Net assets are reported as restricted when amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific future use.

Net assets have been "restricted for" the following:

"Permanent funds - expendable" represents amounts held in trust for which the expenditures are restricted by various trust agreements.

"Permanent funds - nonexpendable" represents amounts held in trust for which only investment earnings may be expended.

"Other purposes" represents restrictions placed on assets from outside parties.

Fund Financial Statements (Fund Balances)

Fund balances are reserved for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific future use. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Fund balances have been "reserved for" the following:

"Encumbrances and continuing appropriations" represents amounts obligated under purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for expenditures that are being carried over to the ensuing fiscal year.

"Perpetual permanent funds" represents amounts held in trust for which only investment earnings may be expended.

Fund balances have been "designated for" the following:

"Subsequent year's expenditures" represents amounts appropriated for the fiscal year 2009 operating budget.

L. Long-term debt

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Long-term debt is reported as liabilities in the government-wide and proprietary fund statement of net assets. Material bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The face amount of governmental funds long-term debt is reported as other financing sources. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are recognized in the current period. Bond premiums are reported as other financing sources and bond discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual bond proceeds received, are reported as general government expenditures.

M. Investment Income

Excluding the permanent funds, investment income derived from major and nonmajor governmental funds is legally assigned to the general fund unless otherwise directed by Massachusetts General Law (MGL).

N. Compensated Absences

Employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts based on collective bargaining agreements, state laws and executive policies.

Government-Wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave are reported as liabilities and expensed as incurred.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave, which will be liquidated with expendable available financial resources, are reported as expenditures and fund liabilities.

O. Post Retirement Benefits

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

In addition to providing pension benefits, the Town provides health insurance coverage for retired employees and their survivors. The Town recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of insurance premiums in the General Fund in the fiscal year paid. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, this expenditure totaled approximately $98,000. There were 27 participants eligible to receive benefits at June 30, 2008.

P. Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, actual expenditures exceeded appropriations for state and county charges.

Q. Use of Estimates

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure for contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements and the reported amounts of the revenues and expenditures/expenses during the fiscal year. Actual results could vary from estimates that were used.

R. Total Column

Fund Financial Statements

The total column on the fund financial statements is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column is not the equivalent of consolidated financial information.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Statutes authorize the Town to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies, and instrumentalities, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, money market accounts, bank deposits and the State Treasurer's investment pool (the Pool). In addition, there are various restrictions limiting the amount and length of deposits and investments.

The Town maintains a cash and investment pool that is available for use by all funds, except the Trust Funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the balance sheet as "Cash and Cash Equivalents". The deposits and investments of the Trust Funds are held separately from those of other Town funds.

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town has not formally adopted a policy for custodial credit risk of deposits. At fiscal year-end, the carrying amount of deposits totaled $5,048,496 and the bank balance totaled $5,087,556. Of the bank balance, $600,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance, $26,938 was covered by Depositors Insurance Fund, $365,444 was covered by the Securities Investor Protector Corporation and $4,095,174 was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Investments and Credit Risk

The Town has not adopted a formal policy related to credit risk. As of June 30, 2008, the Town had the following investments:

		Maturity			
Investment Type	**Fair Value**	**Under 1 Year**	**1-5 Years**	**6-10 Years**	**Moody's Rating**
Debt Securities					
Agency Bonds:					
Federal National Mortgage Association Bonds...	$ 210,384	$ -	$ -	$ 210,384	AAA
Federal Home Loan Banks Consolidated Bonds	421,291	-	421,291	-	AAA
Corporate Bonds:					
Verizon Penn Notes.....	75,528	-	75,528	-	A3
International Lease Finance Corporation.....	44,054	-	44,054	-	A1
Total Debt Securities.....	751,257	$ -	$ 540,873	$ 210,384	
Other Investments					
Equity Securities:					
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.....	19,650				
Federal National Mortgage Association.....	18,015				
Money Market Mutual Funds.....	124,527				
Total Investments.....	$ 913,449				

Interest Rate Risk

The government does not have a formal policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Town places no limit on the amount the Town may invest in any one issuer.

More than 5 percent of the Town's investments are in the following securities:

Issuer	Percentage of Total Investments
Federal National Mortgage Association	23%
Federal Home Loan Banks.....	46%
Verizon Penn Notes.....	8%
International Lease Finance Corporation.....	5%

NOTE 3 – RECEIVABLES

At June 30, 2008, receivables for the governmental funds, in the aggregate, including the applicable allowance for uncollectibles, are as follows:

Governmental Funds	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
Receivables:			
Real estate and personal property taxes	$ 192,952	$ -	$ 192,952
Real estate tax deferrals	236,318	-	236,318
Community preservation fund surtax	4,562	-	4,562
Tax liens	28,795	-	28,795
Motor vehicle excise taxes	83,610	(16,600)	67,010
Departmental and other	24,239	-	24,239
Intergovernmental	169,564	-	169,564
Community preservation fund state share	243,755	-	243,755
Total	$ 983,795	$ (16,600)	$ 967,195

At June 30, 2008, receivables for the water enterprise consist of the following:

Enterprise Funds	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
Receivables:			
Water fees	$ 153,658	$ -	$ 153,658

Governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of deferred revenue reported in the governmental funds were as follows:

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Receivable type:			
Real estate and personal property taxes	$ 134,946	$ -	$ 134,946
Real estate tax deferrals	236,318	-	236,318
Community preservation fund surtax	-	4,562	4,562
Tax liens	28,795	-	28,795
Motor vehicle excise taxes	67,010	-	67,010
Departmental and other	24,239	-	24,239
Intergovernmental	-	163,479	163,479
Community preservation fund state share	-	243,755	243,755
Other asset type:			
Tax foreclosures	297,007	-	297,007
Total	$ 788,315	$ 411,796	$ 1,200,111

NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, was as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 486,680	$ -	$ -	$ 486,680
Construction in progress	3,947,560	2,715,881	(6,663,441)	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	4,434,240	2,715,881	(6,663,441)	486,680
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	3,025,018	6,699,142	-	9,724,160
Machinery and equipment	3,820,687	190,621	-	4,011,308
Infrastructure	2,049,805	332,443	-	2,382,248
Total capital assets being depreciated	8,895,510	7,222,206	-	16,117,716
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(737,116)	(156,064)	-	(893,180)
Machinery and equipment	(2,432,914)	(248,016)	-	(2,680,930)
Infrastructure	(61,644)	(54,701)	-	(116,345)
Total accumulated depreciation	(3,231,674)	(458,781)	-	(3,690,455)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	5,663,836	6,763,425	-	12,427,261
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 10,098,076	$ 9,479,306	$ (6,663,441)	$ 12,913,941

Business-Type Activities:	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 17,361	$ -	$ -	$ 17,361
Construction in progress	-	220,590	-	220,590
Total capital assets not being depreciated	17,361	220,590	-	237,951
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Machinery and equipment	727,271	-	-	727,271
Infrastructure	837,452	78,695	-	916,147
Total capital assets being depreciated	1,564,723	78,695	-	1,643,418
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Machinery and equipment	(124,418)	(21,228)	-	(145,646)
Infrastructure	(121,279)	(16,081)	-	(137,360)
Total accumulated depreciation	(245,697)	(37,309)	-	(283,006)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	1,319,026	41,386	-	1,360,412
Total business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 1,336,387	$ 261,976	$ -	$ 1,598,363

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
General government	$ 90,917
Public safety	114,091
Public works	102,400
Culture and recreation	151,373
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	$ 458,781
Business-Type Activities:	
Water	$ 37,309

NOTE 5 – INTERFUND TRANSFERS

During the fiscal year the town transferred $15,000 from the General Fund to the Non-Major Fund. The transfer was used to fund social programs within the Special Revenue Funds.

NOTE 6 – SHORT-TERM FINANCING

The Town is authorized to borrow on a temporary basis to fund the following:

- Current operating costs prior to the collection of revenues through issuance of revenue or tax anticipation notes (RANS or TANS).

- Capital project costs and other approved expenditures incurred prior to obtaining permanent financing through issuance of bond anticipation notes (BANS) or grant anticipation notes (GANS).

Short-term loans are general obligations of the Town and carry maturity dates that are limited by statute. Interest expenditures for short-term borrowings are accounted for in the General Fund.

At June 30, 2008, the Town had the following short-term debt outstanding:

Fund/Purpose	Type	Rate %	Issue Date	Due Date	Balance at 6/30/2007	Renewed/ Issued	Retired/ Redeemed	Balance 6/30/2008
Governmental Funds								
Storm Damage.....	BAN	3.59%	2/8/2007	2/9/2008	$ 1,829,000	$ -	$ 1,829,000	$ -
Drainage.....	BAN	2.10%	2/8/2008	2/6/2009	-	656,811	-	656,811
Total Governmental Funds.....					$ 1,829,000	$ 656,811	$ 1,829,000	$ 656,811
Enterprise Funds								
Water Tower.....	BAN	2.10%	2/8/2008	2/6/2009	$ -	$ 295,189	$ -	$ 295,189

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM DEBT

State law permits the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 10, to authorize indebtedness up to a limit of 5% of its equalized valuation. Debt issued in accordance with this section of the law is designated as being "inside the debt limit". In addition, however, a Town may authorize debt in excess of that limit for specific purposes. Such debt, when issued, is designated as being "outside the debt limit".

Details related to the Town's outstanding indebtedness at June 30, 2008, and the debt service requirements follow.

Bonds and Notes Payable Schedule

Project	Interest Rate (%)	Outstanding at June 30, 2007	Issued	Redeemed	Oustanding at June 30, 2008
Fire Truck.....	4.00 - 6.50	$ 125,000	$ -	$ 20,000	$ 105,000
Library.....	4.00 - 5.00	875,000	-	70,000	805,000
Lease Buyback.....	4.00 - 5.00	230,000	-	20,000	210,000
Town Hall/Police Station.....	4.00 - 5.00	170,000	-	15,000	155,000
Town Hall/Police Station.....	4.00 - 5.00	6,358,500	-	343,500	6,015,000
Iron Rail Boiler.....	4.25 - 4.50	39,500	-	9,500	30,000
Fire Truck.....	4.25 - 4.50	465,000	-	50,000	415,000
Total Governmental Debt....		8,263,000	-	528,000	7,735,000
Water Tower.....	4.00 - 5.00	1,000,000	-	75,000	925,000
Total Debt		$ 9,263,000	$ -	$ 603,000	$ 8,660,000

Debt service requirements for principal and interest for Governmental Bonds payable in future fiscal years are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2009.....	$ 525,000	$ 318,863	$ 843,863
2010.....	525,000	295,738	820,738
2011.....	525,000	272,988	797,988
2012.....	510,000	250,931	760,931
2013.....	500,000	229,157	729,157
2014.....	500,000	207,470	707,470
2015.....	475,000	185,721	660,721
2016.....	470,000	165,032	635,032
2017.....	460,000	144,535	604,535
2018.....	385,000	126,025	511,025
2019.....	380,000	109,588	489,588
2020.....	380,000	93,963	473,963
2021.....	300,000	78,226	378,226
2022.....	300,000	66,377	366,377
2023.....	300,000	54,452	354,452
2024.....	300,000	42,452	342,452
2025.....	300,000	30,377	330,377
2026.....	300,000	18,226	318,226
2027.....	300,000	6,075	306,075
Total.....	$ 7,735,000	$ 2,696,196	$ 10,431,196

Bonds and Notes Payable Schedule – Enterprise Fund

Debt service requirements for principal and interest for enterprise fund bonds and notes payable in future fiscal years are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	$ 75,000	$ 43,085	$ 118,085
2010	75,000	40,010	115,010
2011	75,000	36,860	111,860
2012	75,000	33,635	108,635
2013	75,000	30,260	105,260
2014	75,000	26,810	101,810
2015	75,000	23,323	98,323
2016	80,000	19,760	99,760
2017	80,000	15,920	95,920
2018	80,000	12,000	92,000
2019	80,000	8,000	88,000
2020	80,000	4,000	84,000
Total	$ 925,000	$ 293,663	$ 1,218,663

The Town is subject to various debt limits by statute and may issue additional general obligation debt under the normal debt limit. At June 30, 2008, the Town had $129,811 of Water Tower projects and $1,172,189 of Drainage/Road Repair in authorized and unissued debt:

General Long-Term Liabilities

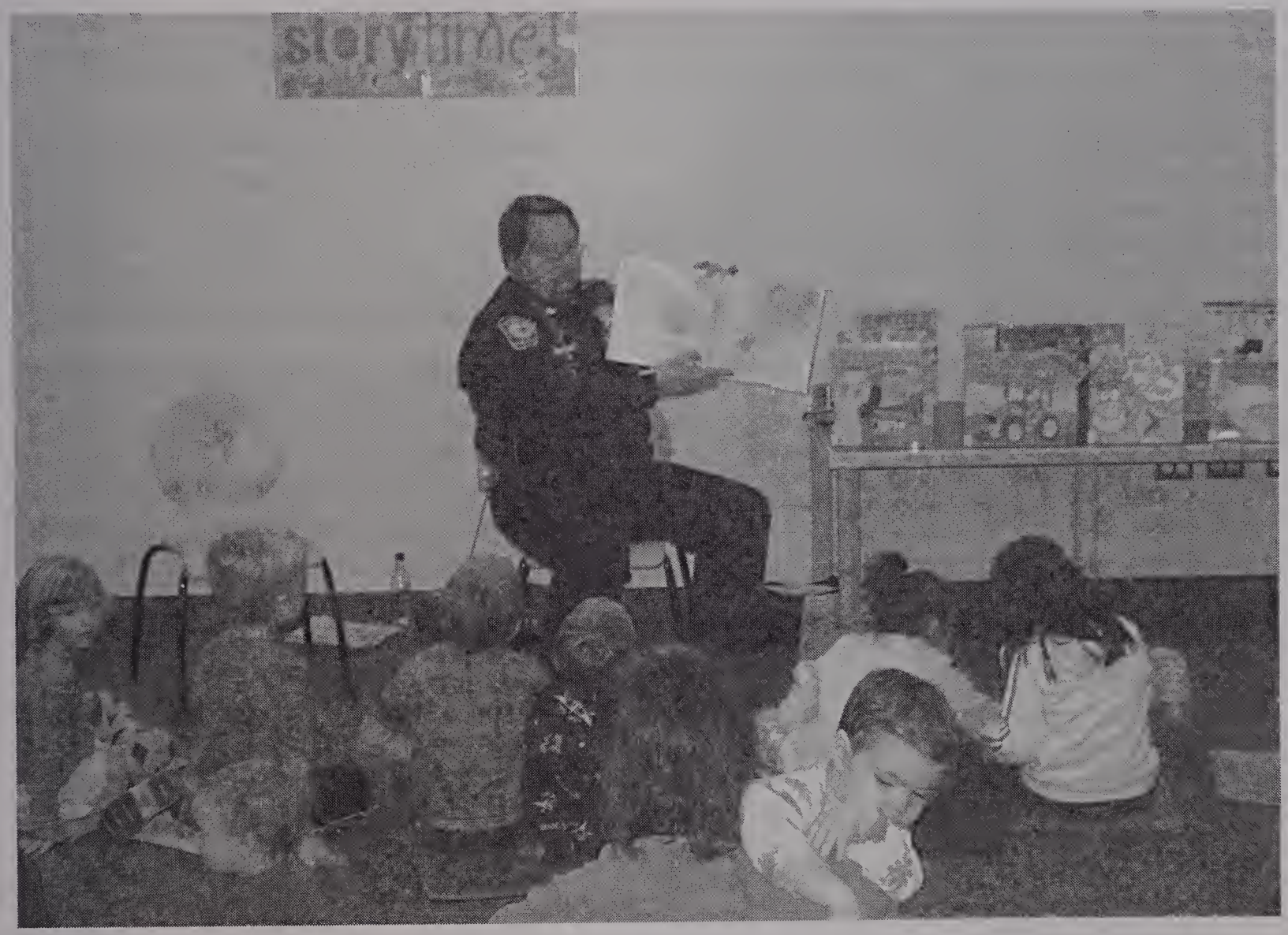
The Town records its liability for long-term bonds and notes in the Government-wide financial statements. Other general long-term obligations recognized by the Town are its obligations for compensated absence benefits (sick and vacation pay). These liabilities will be liquidated in the future from Governmental Funds.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities:

	Balance June 30, 2007	Bonds and Notes Issued	Bonds and Notes Redeemed	Other Net Increase (Decrease)	Balance June 30, 2008	Current Portion
Governmental Activities:						
Long-Term Bonds and Notes	$ 8,263,000	$ -	$ (528,000)	$ -	$ 7,735,000	$ 525,000
Compensated Absences	179,000	-	-	(29,000)	150,000	35,000
Total	$ 8,442,000	$ -	$ (528,000)	$ (29,000)	$ 7,885,000	$ 560,000
Business-Type Activities:						
Long-Term Bonds and Notes	$ 1,000,000	$ -	$ (75,000)	$ -	$ 925,000	$ 75,000
Compensated Absences	22,000	-	-	1,000	23,000	-
Total	$ 1,022,000	$ -	$ (75,000)	$ 1,000	$ 948,000	$ 75,000

Other Future GASB Pronouncements:

The GASB issued Statement #45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions,* which is required to be implemented in fiscal year 2010. Management believes this pronouncement will require additional disclosure and impact the basic financial statements.



Chief Ken Walsh at Story Time

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Budgeted Amounts	
	Original Budget	Final Budget
REVENUES:		
Real estate and personal property taxes, net of tax refunds	$ 10,668,267	$ 10,668,267
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	569,000	569,000
Intergovernmental	1,193,621	1,193,621
Departmental and other	386,000	386,000
Investment income	94,175	94,175
Miscellaneous	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	12,911,063	12,911,063
EXPENDITURES:		
Current:		
General government	979,697	868,346
Public safety	1,767,833	1,846,913
Education	6,605,536	6,605,536
Public works	1,233,528	1,265,049
Human services	109,693	109,693
Culture and recreation	731,158	731,158
Pension benefits	327,916	327,916
Property and liability insurance	144,945	144,945
Employee benefits	618,141	618,891
State and county charges	120,547	120,547
Debt service:		
Principal	416,579	416,579
Interest	336,697	336,697
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	13,392,270	13,392,270
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(481,207)	(481,207)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Transfers in	15,000	15,000
Prior year carryforward appropriations	27,756	27,756
Free cash	411,685	411,685
Overlay surplus	25,000	25,000
Other amounts raised	1,766	1,766
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	481,207	481,207
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year	1,440,798	1,440,798
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of year	$ 1,440,798	$ 1,440,798

See notes to required supplementary information.

Actual Budgetary Amounts	Amounts Carried Forward To Next Year	Variance To Final Budget
$ 10,652,128	$ -	$ (16,139)
567,062	-	(1,938)
1,201,976	-	8,355
327,441	-	(58,559)
148,986	-	54,811
15,186	-	15,186
12,912,779	-	1,716
788,873	32,282	47,191
1,791,942	8,337	46,634
6,603,986		1,550
1,155,036	63,000	47,013
92,259	81	17,353
720,974	2,393	7,791
327,325	-	591
105,026	-	39,919
604,574	-	14,317
120,747	-	(200)
416,579	-	-
336,697	-	-
13,064,018	106,093	222,159
(151,239)	(106,093)	223,875
15,000	-	-
-	-	(27,756)
-	-	(411,685)
-	-	(25,000)
-	-	(1,766)
15,000	-	(466,207)
(136,239)	(106,093)	(242,332)
1,440,798	-	-
$ 1,304,559	$ (106,093)	$ (242,332)

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Original and Final Budget	Actual Budgetary Amounts	Variance To Final Budget
REVENUES:			
Community preservation surcharge	$ 251,755	$ 264,430	$ 12,675
Community preservation state match	237,714	237,714	-
Investment income	20,000	29,671	9,671
TOTAL REVENUES	509,469	531,815	22,346
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Community preservation expenditures	101,305	70,059	31,246
Debt service:			
Principal	111,421	111,421	-
Interest	94,659	94,659	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	307,385	276,139	31,246
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	202,084	255,676	53,592
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	202,084	255,676	53,592
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year	683,316	683,316	-
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of year	$ 885,400	$ 938,992	$ 53,592

See notes to required supplementary information.

Essex County Contributory Retirement System
Schedule of Funding Progress

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (A)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Entry Age (B)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (B-A)	Funded Ratio (A/B)	Covered Payroll (C)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((B-A)/C)
01/01/92	$ 61,357,800	$ 143,785,900	$ 82,428,100	42.7%	$ 52,995,500	155.5%
01/01/94	80,878,500	178,256,800	97,378,300	45.4%	62,076,500	156.9%
01/01/96	106,176,700	200,397,500	94,220,800	53.0%	72,953,200	129.2%
01/01/98	151,293,900	245,965,100	94,671,200	61.5%	85,785,000	110.4%
01/01/99	180,034,700	268,386,000	88,351,300	67.1%	89,645,300	98.6%
01/01/00	190,363,700	253,847,100	63,483,400	75.0%	69,525,900	91.3%
01/01/02	218,346,198	287,390,715	69,044,517	76.0%	85,005,338	81.2%
01/01/04	229,852,971	333,396,222	103,543,251	68.9%	93,404,002	110.9%
01/01/06	261,327,047	375,593,562	114,266,515	69.6%	98,641,094	115.8%

The Town's share of the UAAL, as of January 1, 2008, is approximately 7%.

See notes to required supplementary information.

Essex County Contributory Retirement System
Schedule of Employer Contributions

Plan Year Ended December 31	System Wide: Annual Required Contributions	System Wide: (A) Actual Contributions	System Wide: Percentage Contributed	Town of Wenham: (B) Actual Contributions	Town of Wenham: (B/A) Town's Percentage of System Wide Actual Contributions
2005	$ 13,080,011	$ 13,080,011	100%	$ 276,119	2.11%
2006	16,622,274	16,622,274	100%	295,843	1.78%
2007	15,788,864	15,788,864	100%	308,782	1.96%
2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	327,060	N/A

The Town's Actual Contributions equaled 100% of its Required Contributions for each year presented.

See notes to required supplementary information.

Town Hall Holiday Party

NOTE A – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

Municipal Law requires the Town to adopt a balanced budget that is approved by the Finance Committee (Committee). The Committee presents an annual budget to the Open Town Meeting, which includes estimates of revenues and other financing sources and recommendations of expenditures and other financing uses. Town Meeting, which has full authority to amend and/or reject the budget or any individual line item, adopts the expenditure budget by majority vote. Increases or decreases subsequent to the approval of the annual budget require a vote at a Special Town Meeting.

The majority of the Town's appropriations are non-continuing which lapse at the end of each fiscal year. Others are continuing appropriations for which the governing body has authorized that an unspent balance from a prior fiscal year be carried forward and made available for spending in the current fiscal year. These carry forwards are included as part of the subsequent fiscal year's original budget.

Generally, expenditures may not exceed the legal level of spending authorized for an appropriation account. However, the Town is statutorily required to pay debt service, regardless of whether such amounts are appropriated. Additionally, expenditures for disasters, natural or otherwise, and final judgments may exceed the level of spending authorized by majority vote at Town Meeting.

The Town adopts an annual budget for the General Fund in conformity with the guidelines described above. The original fiscal year 2008 budget for the General Fund includes current year appropriations and other amounts to be raised of approximately $13,364,000 and encumbrances and continuing appropriations from prior fiscal years of approximately $28,000.

The Town adopts an annual budget for the Community Preservation Fund in conformity with the guidelines described above. The original and final fiscal year 2008 budget appropriated $307,385 and budgeted revenues of $509,469.

The Town Accountant has the responsibility to ensure that budgetary control is maintained on an individual line item appropriation account basis. Budgetary control is exercised through the Town's accounting system.

B. Budgetary - GAAP Reconciliation

For budgetary financial reporting purposes, the Uniform Municipal Accounting System basis of accounting (established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Commonwealth)) is followed, which differs from the GAAP basis of accounting. A reconciliation of budgetary basis to GAAP basis results for the General Fund for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, is presented below:

	General Fund	Community Preservation Fund
Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis.....	$ (136,239)	$ 255,676
Basis of accounting differences:		
Recognition of revenue for on-behalf payments.....	11,000	-
Recognition of expenditures for on-behalf payments.....	(11,000)	-
Net change in recording 60-day receipts accrual.....	58,000	-
Net change in fund balances - GAAP basis.....	$ (78,239)	$ 255,676

NOTE B – PENSION PLAN

The Town contributes to the Essex County Contributory Retirement System ("Retirement System"), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan ("Plan") administered by the Essex County Retirement Board. The Retirement System provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to members and beneficiaries. Chapter 32 of the MGL assigns authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the Plan. Plan members are required to contribute to the Retirement System at rates ranging from 5% to 11% of annual covered compensation. The Town is required to pay into the Retirement System its share of the system-wide actuarially determined contribution which is apportioned among the employers based on active covered payroll.

The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information, following the notes to the basic financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits. Additionally, the schedule of employer contributions, presented as required supplementary information, following the notes to the basic financial statements, presents multiyear trend information for required and actual contributions relating to the cost-sharing plan as a whole, of which the Town is one participating employer, as well as the Town's proportionate share of the plan's annual contributions. This information is designed to be helpful for understanding the scale of the information presented relative to the Town.

The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used in the Retirement System's most recent actuarial valuation:

Valuation Date	January 1, 2006
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal Cost Method
Amortization Method	Increasing at 4.5% per year
Remaining Amortization Period	22 years remaining as of July 1, 2006
Asset Valuation Method	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the preliminary actuarial value is added to the preliminary actuarial value and must be within 20% of market value of the assets.

Actuarial Assumptions:

Investment rate of return	8.25%
Projected salary increases	5.00%
Cost of living adjustments	3.0% for the first $12,000 of retirement income

Plan Membership:

Retired participants and beneficiaries receiving benefits	1,508
Terminatied participants entitled to a return of their employee contributions	844
Terminated participants with a vested right to a deferred or immediate benefit	43
Active participants	2,949
Total	5,344

Wenham Police Department
Annual Report 2008

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Police Department Profile:

Sworn Officers: Allotted for 10 F.T. & 16 P.T.
Civilian Personnel: 1
Chief: Kenneth M. Walsh
Headquarters: 1 Friend Court, P.O. Box 536
Rank Structure:
Chief of Police
Captain (1)
Sergeants (2)
Detectives (1)
Patrolman Allotted for 5 FT (currently at 4) and 14 PT
Vehicles: 5
Calls for Service: 7,670

Message from the Chief:

I am pleased to submit my fourth annual report as Chief of Police. As you will see by the following report the Wenham Police Department accomplished a great deal in 2008 especially moving into the new police facility and filling vacated positions, including a newly created Captain's position and two part-time positions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Town Departments and employees for their continued support of the Police Department during the past year. Without strong support from the citizens of the community, our elected officials, and other Town employees, it would be difficult for us to successfully accomplish our goals and objectives. I also need to thank my Administrative Assistant, Susan Hersee, for her everyday commitment and dedication. I would also like to thank the dispatchers at the Hamilton-Wenham Communications Center for the service that they provide. A special thank you to Town Administrator Jeff Chelgren for his hard work and the Board of Selectmen for their dedication to town government.

Retirements

(Chief Walsh presents Lt. Lawrence Kavanagh a plaque in his honor for his years of service.)

In 2008 we witnessed three dedicated police officers retire from the force with over eighty years of institutional knowledge between them.

Officer David Doyle gave his final farewell to Wenham on January 5th after 27 years of hard work and dedication to the Town of Wenham and 5 years before that to the Town of Hamilton. To many people, especially the senior citizens, David Doyle was the face of the Wenham Police Department. Thank you, David, for your years of commitment, your dedication, and most important your friendship. Your consistent willingness to help others will be missed by all at the Wenham Police Department.

On February 1st Lt. Lawrence E. Kavanagh retired after thirty plus years of outstanding service to the Towns of Wenham and Hamilton. With Larry's departure I lost not only my second in command, but someone on whom I could continuously depend. Larry has also been a mentor both professionally and personally. Larry served many years as the Department Prosecutor where he developed a great reputation in the law enforcement community. Thank you Larry for your superior dedication, your loyalty, your friendship, and most important your positive effect on my life.

On December 15th Officer Donald R. Woodbury retired from the Wenham Police Department to accept a position as a Deputy Sheriff in Polk County, Florida. Don provided over twenty-five years of dedicated service to the town of Wenham and served as the Department's Evidence Officer and Drug Recognition Expert. Don was a fine officer who always followed through on his assignments and was well known for his drug recognition work throughout the law enforcement community. Don, I wish you well in your future endeavors. Your dedication to policing in Wenham will be missed.

As I look ahead to the great things from the Wenham Police Department with great new full-time staff members, command staff reorganization, and a new police facility, I will say that it is also an emotional time to see such dedicated people leave the Department.

Promotions

After the announcement that Lt. Kavanagh and Officer Doyle would be retiring, the Command Staff decided to move forward in filling these positions. Five reserve officers applied for the position.

All of the individuals were outstanding candidates; however, Officers David Marsh and Shane Kavanagh were the top two candidates. I then recommended that Officer David Marsh begin working as a full-time employee for the Wenham Police Department effective January 6, 2008 to replace Officer Doyle. I also recommended that Officer Shane Kavanagh begin his full-time employment on February 1, 2008, to replace his father Lt. Lawrence Kavanagh.

I am pleased to announce that both candidates graduated the sixteen week 2nd Law Enforcement Certificate Training at the Boylston Police Academy on November 21, 2008. This reduced-week academy for cadets with a minimum of an Associates Degree

saved the town approximately ten thousand dollars. This academy is a pilot program that has proved to be successful.

In late 2007, I approached the Board of Selectmen for a restructuring of the Department; having the Lieutenant's position in the union was problematic. As Chief of Police, I need a true second in command (Executive Officer) who can assist me in issues such as Internal Affairs Investigations, personnel evaluation processes, and the development of the annual budget. During the absence of the Chief, the Executive Officer (non-union) will serve as its administrator, or "Acting Chief," without the conflict of being a union member.

Therefore, I proposed to the Board of Selectmen that the Lieutenant position be eliminated with the retirement of Lawrence Kavanagh and a position of Captain be created outside the union. The Board granted my request.

On December 27, 2007 after authorization from the Board, I posted a Captain's position. The two Sergeants were eligible to apply for the position.

Interviews were conducted with both candidates and both were outstanding. However; Sergeant Thomas C. Perkins received the top score. I then recommended that Sergeant Thomas Perkins be appointed to the position of Captain for the Wenham Police Department effective February 3, 2008.

The promotion of Tom Perkins created an opening for a Sergeant's position. The Command Staff and I conducted interviews with the candidates on Thursday January 24, 2008. After the interviews, we compiled numerical scores based on interview assessment, education, staff review, and experience. All of the individuals were outstanding candidates; Detective Mark Fraser was the top candidate. I then recommended that Detective Mark S. Fraser be appointed Sergeant for the Wenham Police Department effective February 3, 2008.

The promotion of Mark Fraser created an opening for Detective. Two candidates applied. The Command Staff conducted interviews with each candidate on Friday, February 29, 2008. After the interviews we compiled numerical scores. Both Officers were outstanding candidates; Officer Gray was our recommended candidate. I then recommended to the Board of Selectmen that Officer Jonathan B. Gray be appointed Detective for the Wenham Police Department. The Board approved that recommendation on March 3, 2008 to be effective March 9, 2008.

We also hired two new Reserve Officers in 2008. Mark Brewer is a Beverly firefighter who was a full-time Beverly Police Officer prior to making the move to the fire world. Sean Gallagher is the principal at Beverly High School and served full-time for the Salem Police Department prior to going back into education. Both of these gentlemen offer a vast amount of experience at the reserve officer level.

New Police Station

On January 23, 2008, we moved into our long-awaited and much-deserved new police station. Over the course of the year the construction of the facility was sometimes a challenge, sometimes a full-time job, and most of the time exciting. We also forged friendships with the building crew over that time as well. The new facility will meet our needs for years to come. The Officers now have a safe environment in which to work and a state of the art facility. I would like to give a special thank you to John Darling. Mr. Darling served as Chairman of the Town Hall and Police Station Building Committee the last few years and saw it to fruition. I would also like to thank building committee members both past and present. Thank you as well to the Clerk of the Works John Lyons and the rest of the crew at Diversified Project Management, and General Contractors John Darigan and Gary Bessette of Barr, Incorporated, and Architect Phil O'Brien from J. Stewart Roberts.

Grant Opportunities

We have continued our efforts to find grant opportunities for the department. This year we were awarded a traffic safety grant covering overtime costs associated with additional patrols concentrating on traffic enforcement. The department also received an $11,299 community-policing grant to fund our numerous efforts including the motorcycle patrols which cut down on fuel costs and make the officers more approachable.

The Fleet

As you have seen in the last couple of years the department departed from the Ford Crown Victoria and purchased two Dodge Chargers. We received one Dodge in 2008 and one in 2007. The Department conducted in-depth research before we made this decision and to date we are pleased with the choice. The vehicle cost was almost identical but we are expecting to see savings in fuel due to the multi-displacement engine in which the vehicle goes from eight cylinders down to four at high speeds.

Proactive Initiatives

The Department remained proactive in 2008. I am currently serving on the regional NEMLEC Technology Committee and Training and Education Committee. I was also elected to serve as Secretary of the Essex County Chiefs of Police Association for the second year and look forward to serving as Vice President next year. I was also able to attend the International Chiefs of Police Conference in San Diego where I attended training on several different law enforcement computer aided dispatch systems, Internal Affairs, and small town policing.

Sergeant Fraser, Sergeant Tobey, and Officer Christopher Machain conducted a comprehensive firearms training in 2008 with an emphasis on school lockdown procedures. Sergeant Fraser is also working with school officials to conduct training at the Buker School for the officers as well.

Community Contact

The department continues to have an active role in the community, including "Wenham Days" each August. To keep up-to-date on department activities, I encourage you to visit our department web site at: www.wenhampolice.com for various department and town information. The department also instituted a motorcycle program utilizing Community Policing funds. The motorcycle patrols provided a great tool for traffic enforcement and save on fuel costs. It also provided great community contact. Unfortunately, we will be

discontinuing this program due to a reduction of community policing funds from the State.
The Wenham Police continues to coordinate with the Council of Aging and the TRIAD program, a partnership between the town's older residents and the police to help them deal with crime and safety issues. I would like to extend a special thanks to C.O.A. Director Trudy Reid and the Handyman group for their work on the house numbering program which helps us find people during emergencies. I remain active in the community and currently serve as the President of the Hamilton-Wenham Rotary Club.

Captain Thomas C. Perkins serves as the Court Prosecutor and Executive Officer. I would like to thank Captain Perkins for his role as the Police Liaison to the Police Station project. At times this was a full-time job during the construction phase. Captain Perkins can be reached at extension 221.

Sergeant Jeffrey W. Tobey has taken over the firearms licensing program and will process all firearms licenses for town residents. Sergeant Tobey also coordinates the Sexual Offender Records for the department and checks to see that any sex offenders in our town are registered with us. Questions related to firearms or sex offenders can be directed to Sergeant Tobey at extension 222.

Sergeant Mark S. Fraser heads the Operations Unit including Criminal Investigations. He has investigated several crimes involving the elderly and can be reached at extension 223.

Detective Jonathan B. Gray coordinates many of our safety programs aimed at the town's young people. He is assigned to the Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC) cyber crime unit. He also handles identity theft cases and can be reached at extension 224.

Please watch for our cable television show "Committed to Serve" and read our "Safety Matters" articles in the Hamilton-Wenham chronicle. I also invite you to take the Community Survey located on our website so we know how to serve you better.

Accreditation

The Wenham Police Department is now in self-assessment to achieve full accreditation status. Accreditation is a self-initiated evaluation process by which police departments strive to meet and maintain standards established for the profession, by the profession.

The Future

When I was promoted to Chief in 2005 I wrote a five-year plan. I am extremely happy to report that the plan is ahead of schedule except for those items associated with a cost.

Regionalization-or the sharing of services-has come back to the forefront of discussions among town and city leaders due to the current economic climate. I currently serve on the

Essex County Regional Operations Center Committee and I strongly believe in this concept.

I am concerned about the financial future, as most of us are. Clearly, we will have challenges in 2009. I have requested an eleventh fulltime officer for the last three years and now we are possibly looking at a reduction of officers to nine. We are currently functioning with a minimum level of patrol officers on shifts. I want the community to know that concerted efforts have been made to decrease overtime using a new shift schedule instituted in 2006. Sick time is also down from an eight day average in year in 2004 to two. The Firearms Licensing Program has also been adapted to be managed with no overtime. I am pleased to report that through the efforts of the command staff and line officers the weekly overtime average is nearly the same as it was in 2004. This is remarkable when you take into account the increase in cost of living adjustments since that time. The loss of a full-time position will have a negative effect on the above mentioned changes. We face great challenges but I will assure you that our work ethic will remain reflected in our motto of *"Dedicated to Community, Committed to Serve."*

Thank you for caring about the town of Wenham and be safe.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Walsh, Police Chief

WENHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

The activity of the Fire Department continues to grow. There were 578 incidents this year, with a breakdown into the following categories (as established by the National and Massachusetts Incident Reporting system):

Incident Type	Number of incidents	Percent of total calls
Fire	26	4.49
Overpressure/ overheat rupture/ explosion	4	0.69
Rescue; Emergency Medical Services	264	45.67
Hazardous Condition	35	6.05
Service Call	58	10.03
Good intent	61	10.55
False alarm & False calls	128	22.14
Severe weather & natural disaster	2	.34

The most significant event of 2008 was the renovation of the Fire Station. The project began in early February, as soon as the police relocated to their new building. For the next few months call firefighters spent weekends, evenings, and spare time -- over 900 volunteer hours -- to totally renovate the space. The removal of the jail cells, creation of a doorway into the apparatus room, and reconfiguration of the layout were highlights of the project. A simple "thank you" doesn't say enough to the firefighters. In addition, special thanks to the numerous community members who supported the project by donating materials, equipment, and funds for furnishings. The benefits of this renovation are numerous, including storage space, office space, an appropriate place for firefighters to assemble during calls (out of the apparatus room), a bunk room, and a convenient & accessible space for the public to conduct fire-related business. The summer weekend coverage crew continued the facelift of the building's exterior, including new doors, new gold leaf painting on the letters on the building, and improvements to the handicap ramp. As always, the efforts of the firefighters and their pride in their surroundings are very much appreciated.

In July, the Fire Department had some personnel changes. Firefighters Thomas Curran and A. Jeffrey O'Brien were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. The Department recognized **Walter Leszczynski**'s retirement and celebrated his dedicated service since

1977. In addition, four new recruits joined the Department. Welcome to Robert Brown, Christian Hassell, Sean McCarthy, and Scott Weissman.

As in past years, the Fire Department coordinated many educational programs. The Department received a S.A.F.E. grant (Student Awareness of Fire Education) of $3,100.00 to support educational activities. In August, firefighters hosted Fire Day at the Wenham Village Improvement Society's summer park program. This annual tradition is a favorite of the children, combining fire safety education with relays and a "bubble bath" delivered through the fire nozzles. In late summer, the Fire Department led training for the residential staff of Gordon College. The college students rotated through stations of fire-related activities (a "smoke filled" dorm, a stove fire, sprinkler system demonstrations, fire extinguisher training, and a "scavenger hunt" of unsafe items in a dorm room). Thanks to Senator Bruce Tarr and Representative Brad Hill for their efforts at the State level to maintain this grant program.

Fire Prevention Week in October was extremely busy this year. To enhance our educational programs for children, the firefighters constructed a new "smoke house." A program was developed for students in primary grades at Buker Elementary School. In this simulated activity, children were able to practice "stop-drop-and-roll" and evacuation techniques in a controlled environment. Another activity during Fire Prevention Week was the Family Cookout/ Open House. This evening event was very well attended, and the school day activities were reinforced with the families.

An ongoing initiative throughout the year was training. Training remains the most important aspect of maintaining a Call Fire Department. Four firefighters (Gary Blaney, Michael Jones, Frank Halpin, and James Romeos) graduated from the State Fire Academy's "Firefighter 1 and 2" course. All of their time and effort is greatly appreciated, as this course represents a significant time commitment. They each donated over 170 hours of time. Several training sessions were held on Gordon College property where firefighters drafted water to practice with the pumps and ladder. Officers completed a NIMS (National Incident Management System) weekend training program to keep the Fire Department compliant with updated procedures. The time spent on training, much of which is unpaid, is very much appreciated.

The Fire Department applied for and received a grant from the State's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for $1,158.77. This Volunteer Fire Assistance program is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service funds. Funds were used toward equipment purchases (hydrant valves, hose, rakes). This type of grant helps stretch the Town budget.

The "Wenham Fire Company" has continued its longstanding tradition of hosting fundraising events for the Department. Thanks to all the Fire Company members and their families for all of their hard work. There was a new format for the annual August Open House. Hosting the "Public Safety Day" event at Pingree Park allowed the Fire Company to serve its annual barbecue and significantly increase the number of demonstrations and educational activities. The new space was particularly well-suited to

children. Some of the exhibits included Jaws of Life demonstration, fire extinguisher training, and a ladder truck demonstration. Notable fundraisers this year included the August raffle, Birthday parties, and an event with Santa. With proceeds from their fundraising efforts, the Wenham Fire Company donated emergency equipment to the Town and has a fund to match State or Federal grants as needed.

I would like to thank other departments for their ongoing cooperation: Police, Highway, Emergency Center, Lyons Ambulance, and the Town Hall staff. All of the firefighters and Sue Hersee, the Police / Fire administrative assistant, maintain high standards of professionalism. Most important, I would like to thank all the WFD officers and firefighters for their energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to the Department. The Call Fire Department model relies on the commitment of these individuals.

Robert A. Blanchard, Chief
Wenham Fire Department

Fire Department Open House

EMERGENCY CENTER OPERATIONS BOARD

The Hamilton-Wenham Emergency Center continues, after forty-nine years, to proudly serve the citizens of the two towns.

Training is always an important part of our job. Thanks to a training grant from State 9-1-1, dispatchers have been able to attend classes in Advanced Law Enforcement, Advanced Fire, Active Shooter, Suicide Intervention, Domestic Intervention as well as APCO classes online.

Another grant allowed us to purchase an Emergency Medical Dispatch computer program. This replaces the flip cards which have been in use for some time.

Burglar, fire, and medical alarms continue to be allowed to terminate at the Emergency Center. I feel this is an important service we provide the citizens of the towns. Informational packets are available at the Emergency Center.

We logged 25,269 calls during 2008. This is a sample of the types and numbers of calls received.

Animals	Assistance rendered
692	747
Ambulance	Calls for Hamilton and Wenham police
590	3422
Burning permits	General info
1432	670
Motor vehicle stops	Bail
1939	2659
Police/Fire alarms	Motor vehicle accidents
820	261

We are proud of our accomplishments and invite the citizens to visit their communications center.

Thank you to the town employees for their continued co-operation, to the citizens for their support and assistance, to the dispatchers for their dedication, and a special thank you to Hamilton Police Chief Walter Cullen who retired at the end of 2008. He was always there to help us and offer encouragement during difficult times.

Anne Marie Cullen

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department is staffed by nine dedicated employees who provide excellent service to the Town of Wenham. Our department's responsibilities are extensive and varied. They include burials and maintenance of the cemetery, maintenance of the town's buildings, parks, grounds and beach, maintenance of all roadways and sidewalks and the repair and upkeep of all town vehicles. Assistance is also provided to the Water Department when the situation warrants.

This year we made some changes in the structure of the department. Shawn Davis, a long time employee, was made Parks Foreman. Shawn has done an excellent job in maintaining our parks, monuments, and all the athletic fields.

With the absence of a burial agent in the Cemetery Department, we retained the services of A.T. Mscisz & Sons to handle our burials with the help of the former agent John Pews.

In early spring, the crew was busy preparing the five baseball fields for Little League along with spring cleanup of the parks, Pleasant Pond, and preparing the Cemetery for Memorial Day Ceremonies.

This summer we were able to construct a sidewalk on Walnut Road from the four corners to the Hamilton line. The sidewalk is primarily fiber mulch; however, asphalt was needed in certain areas where drainage was an issue.

The Highway Department was also able to reconstruct Burley Street, Linden Street, and part of Burnham Road using a new process which grinds the old pavement and recycles the old road reducing the amount of new material and keeping costs down. This was paid for with Chapter 90 funding through the state.

Catch basins were installed on Burley Street, Arbor Street, and Cherry Street to address drainage problems.

Much work was accomplished at Pleasant Pond with the planting of trees, shrubs and seeding the picnic area with the help of volunteers and the Pleasant Pond Committee.

The fall was busy once again with the loose leaf pickup, making two passes through the town roadways and then followed up with a bagged leaf pickup organized by the department.

As of this winter, we have depleted 75% of our Snow & Ice Budget due to the number of plowable storms and sanding.

The Cemetery Commission and Highway Department along with Weston & Sampson Engineering are working together to update and organize all the old files and cemetery documents and create a database where information will be easily accessible. A Global Information System (GIS) will be available through the town website in the near future.

I would like to thank the Police, the Water, and Fire Departments along with the Town Hall Staff for their help, support, and hard work and dedication of the Highway personnel. Communication and teamwork between departments is vital to the success of the DPW.

Bill Tyack, DPW Director
John Pews, Foreman
Donald Maidment, H.E. Operator
Jay Fountain, H.E. Operator
Bob Viel, H.E. Operator
Sean Reed, Mechanic/Operator
Shawn Davis, Driver Operator
Bill Wildes, Driver Operator
Lenny Tuneburg, Mechanic/Operator
Debi Morong, Administrative Assistant

Pleasant Pond Volunteer Day

Community Preservation Committee Annual Report

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was created pursuant to Wenham's adoption of the Community Preservation Act in May, 2005. The CPC consists of nine volunteer members: one each from the Planning Board, Historic District Commission, Joint Recreation Board, Housing Authority and Conservation Commission; and four members at-large.

The CPC is charged with reviewing applications for grants from the Community Preservation Fund and making recommendations to Town Meeting for funding approval. The CPC also monitors the use of any funds appropriated by Town Meeting.

The Act provides that Community Preservation Funds may be expended on projects in any of four categories:

1. Open Space
2. Community Housing
3. Historic Preservation
4. Recreation

Revenues:

Total CPA revenues are detailed in the tables at the end of this report. Revenues are shown as recorded through December 31st, 2008. With interest, total revenues are $1,644,977.69 since inception. Of this, $726,023 was received from the state.

By law, three separate 10% allotments of total revenue must be set aside or expended annually for each of the following three categories: Open Space, Community Housing, and Historic Preservation. The town has consumed the 10% allotment each year for Historic Preservation (Historic Town Hall Renovation). The allotment for Open Space remains unused and stands at $185,792.63. The Community Housing account balance is $165,792.63. The remaining assets have either been appropriated for expenditure by Town Meeting ($61,360.34) or are held in a budgeted reserve account ($225,000) or an undesignated fund ($509,765.80). The total of these assets is $1,153,405.77.

Unexpended funds are maintained in a Money Market Account overseen by Wenham's Director of Finance. Cumulative interest earned on the CPA fund to date is $62,354.84.

Expenditures:

Funds may be appropriated for expenditure by a formal application process consisting of three steps:

1. Submitting an application to the CPC by a given deadline,

2. A majority vote of the CPC in favor of recommending a maximum dollar amount to Town Meeting, and
3. A majority vote by Town Meeting in favor of appropriating an amount not to exceed that recommended by the CPC.

Appropriations and expenditures are detailed in the schedule at the end of this report. As of 2008, the major projects approved by Town Meeting for funding include the renovation of Wenham's historic Town Hall, construction of bicycle and pedestrian pathways, rehabilitation of the gymnasium floor at Buker School, and the commissioning of an outside consultant to create an Affordable Housing Master Plan. This Master Plan was completed in September and submitted to the state for approval. The Plan consists of a Housing Needs Assessment and a Housing Production Plan, both of which are available on the Town of Wenham website. Smaller amounts were also approved last year for work to renovate the portico at the Community House in Hamilton and to repair the Civil War Monument Fence in downtown Wenham.

General:

As a general philosophy, the CPC seeks and encourages those projects with the greatest potential to help stabilize increases in property taxes over the long term. Open space protection, affordable housing creation (without 40B) and the subsidizing with state funds of those projects the town would <u>have</u> to undertake regardless of the availability of CPA monies – these types of expenditures in our view hold the greatest promise for easing the pressure on increasing levies and Proposition 2½ overrides.

Applicants are also encouraged to show significant effort, where possible, in the area of independent fund-raising and in achieving a plurality of funding sources to finance projects proposed for CPA grants.

Matching Fund Results and Forecast:

Until FY 2008, all towns that adopted the CPA had been fortunate each year to receive from the state a 100% match of their local surcharge. Wenham's surcharge is 3% of property taxes paid on real estate value over and above $100,000. Put another way, the first $100,000 of property value is exempt from the tax on which the CPA surcharge is calculated.

Last year, a reduced amount of matching funds available from the state resulted in a lower match (about 68%) for most CPA communities. Two factors contributed to this decline:

1. An increasing number of communities adopting the CPA, and
2. A decline in transactions at Registries of Deeds from which the state CPA fund is derived.

According to the Act, because Wenham adopted the maximum 3% surcharge, it received

a higher percentage of matching funds than other communities with the lower surcharge. This was due to the formula for determining the distribution of matching funds when an insufficient amount is available for a 100% match to all communities.

In this scenario, there were three rounds of distribution. In the first round, 80% of all funds available for matching were distributed to all CPA communities in amounts proportionate to the revenues raised from the local surcharge. In the second and third rounds, the remaining 20% of available matching funds were distributed only to those communities with a 3% surcharge.

Distribution of matching funds in these final rounds is preferentially weighted toward those communities that are determined by the state to be more rural and less affluent. Wenham scored well for "rural-ness" but ranked poorly in the category of "less affluent." These two appeared to balance each other out, resulting in an additional 32% match of our local surcharge and a net total 100% match for the year.

Looking ahead, the factors contributing to the decline in the pool of available matching funds are expected to continue. Legislation has been proposed on Beacon Hill to increase the fees on transactions at the Registries of Deeds throughout the Commonwealth so as to guarantee a minimum 75% match. This legislation would also make adoption of the CPA more attractive to larger municipalities and cities, as well as clarify and redefine some of the restrictions on using CPA funds for recreation. This legislation received a favorable report in Committee in 2008 and has been re-filed in 2009.

In the past year, the CPC welcomed Don Bannon as the new representative from the Historic District Commission. He fills the position vacated by Jennifer Tymann.

The CPC appreciates input and feedback from town residents. Please address comments or suggestions to the Wenham Community Preservation Committee, in care of Wenham Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

The Wenham Community Preservation Committee
Ann Shaw, Wenham Housing Authority
Ted Batchelder, Joint Recreation Board
Virginia Rogers, Planning Board
Don Bannon, Historic District Commission
Patrick Wilson (Chairman), Conservation Commission

At-Large Members:
Herbert Cheeseman
Susan Quateman
Gregory Heppner
James White

Community Preservation Act
Revenues, Expenditures and Balances
As of December 31, 2008*

CPA Revenue

	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009 as of 12/31/08	Total Since Inception
Surcharge '06	221,321.05	1,193.42	865.29	36.83	223,416.59
Surcharge '07		234,983.90	2,325.06	263.07	237,572.03
Surcharge '08			261,239.81	1,671.97	262,911.78
Surcharge '09				132,699.45	132,699.45
Matching Funds		223,738.00	237,714.00	264,571.00	726,023.00
Interest Accrued	450.80	22,223.58	29,670.16	10,010.30	62,354.84
TOTAL	221,771.85	482,138.90	531,814.32	409,252.62	1,644,977.69

New Gate House - Pleasant Pond

CPA
Appropriations & Expenditures

	Appropriations 5/1/2006 (FY07)	**Appropriations 5/5/2007** (FY08)	**Appropriations 5/3/2008** (FY2009)
Continuing Appropriations:			
Pleasant Pond	10,000.00	13,300.00	
Ball Park Improvements	2,000.00		
Bike Path	25,000.00	25,000.00	
Town Hall Debt	157,784.00	48,295.76	192,202.50
Buker School Gym Floor		20,000.00	20,000.00
Affordable Housing Study		20,000.00	
Community House Portico		4,100.00	3,000.00
Civil War Monument Fence			7,500.00
Annual Appropriations (do not carry-over)			
Administrative Expenses		2,500.00	3,250.00
	194,784.00	**133,195.76**	**225,952.50**

Expenditures	FY 2007 Expenditures	FY 2008 Expenditures	FY 2009 Exp. As of 12/31/08	Total Exp. Since Inception
Continuing Appropriations:				
Pleasant Pond	3,800.00	19,450.00		23,250.00
Ball Park Improvements		1,682.69		1,682.69
Bike Path	16,794.68	33,205.32		50,000.00
Town Hall Debt		206,079.76	152,338.75	358,418.51
Buker School Gym Floor			40,000.00	40,000.00
Affordable Housing Study		11,420.72	1,500.00	12,920.72
Community House Portico		2,800.00	1,000.00	3,800.00
Civil War Monument Fence				
Annual Appropriations (do not carry-over)				
Administrative Expenses (2 years of trade org. dues at $750/year)		1,500.00		1,500.00
	20,594.68	**276,138.49**	**194,838.75**	**491,571.92**

CPA Fund
Summary of Revenues, Expenditures, & Fund Balances

Revenues through 12/31/08	1,644,977.69
Less: Expenditures through 12/31/08	491,571.92
TOTAL CASH	1,153,405.77

Fund Balance Breakdown:

Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space	185,792.63
Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Resources	5,694.37
Fund Balance Reserved for Community Housing	165,792.63
Fund Balance Budgetary Reserve	225,000.00
Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditures (Appropriated but not yet spent)	61,360.34
Undesignated Fund Balance (for CPA)	509,765.80
	1,153,405.77

* Source: Office of the Wenham Town Director of Finance

WENHAM BICYCLE AND PEDERSTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This committee was formed in 1997 to oversee the planning and development of safe pathways in Wenham while maintaining the rural character of the town. A Master Plan, completed in 1999, was professionally crafted to conciliate engineering requirements and the rural setting of our town. It identified seven top priority roads: Maple Street, Topsfield Road, Pleasant Street, Larch Row, Grapevine Road, Cedar Street, and Walnut Road. There is a committee member for each of the above roads. Maple, Topsfield, Pleasant, Grapevine, Larch Row, and Walnut Road have been completed.

When we first received a grant for funding in 1998, the Hamilton/Wenham Chronicle ran an amusing and somewhat disconcerting comic strip of a bicyclist representing our committee smiling gratefully to the state funds person for their initial push. The committee said, "Thanks for the push! Now that I'm over that first big hill…. the rest of the ride should be a breeze!" Needless to say, the next frame showed a picture of a path leading straight up an imposing mountain!

Our committee is proud to announce that we have enough money in our bank account ($140,563.78) to finish all of our top priority roads. We will begin work on Cedar Street next summer and then an overlay on Main Street sidewalks once Cedar Street is finished. This year, due to the economic downturn, we only raised $6,000. These extra funds may help us finish upper Larch after we have completed Main Street.

Many people have asked why we decided to put down fiber mulch rather than asphalt on Walnut Road. First, with the soaring costs of oil, the price of asphalt became extremely expensive and threatened our ability to finish the high-priority roads. The DPW and our committee have been very impressed with the resilience of fiber mulch on both Larch Row and the path on the soccer fields. As long as there is no fear of runoff from heavy rainfall, fiber mulch adheres well and more importantly, is more in keeping with the pastoral landscape. Certainly, the fiber mulch is a much more attractive alternative to asphalt when looking over the stone wall towards Ledyard Farm.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped or contributed to the improvement of Wenham roadside paths and, as always, special thanks to the diligent workers in the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

Fanny de Lacvivier, Chairman

Committee Members: Bill Charman - head of Finance, Conrad Willeman, Betsy Miller, Tisha Charman, Sue Evans, Mary Hull, Win Dodge, Peter Hersee, Patty Cavanaugh, DPW Supervisor Bill Tyack, and Selectman Harriet Davis.

WENHAM WATER DEPARTMENT

The past year was one of change for the Wenham Water department. After 30 years of service Water Superintendent, Bruce Blanchard retired to spend time with his family and do some traveling. We would like to take this time to wish him well and to say thank you.

Water conservation still remains one of our main focuses along with supplying the residents with water that meets or exceeds government standards. Rising chemical and electricity costs have put a financial stain on our budget and may force us to look at raising water rates in the near future. Along with the slumping economy, last year proved to be very wet which is good for water conservation, but has a negative effect on revenues.

AMSTAR of Western New York completed the painting of the Lord's Hill water tank in May and has given the Town additional years of life to the aging tank. In August we lost our primary well due to equipment failure forcing us to perform emergency repairs, retrofitting the well with a new motor that should give us at least 10 years of service. Meter replacement continued in 2008 and will continue until the town-wide upgrade program is complete.

MassDEP has adopted the EPA's Ground Water Rule which takes affect in December 2009; we will be required to come into compliance with these new rules in the near future.

As always, we would like to thank the many town officials, fellow employees, and residents who help to keep Wenham water among the best around.

Ernest C. Ashley, Chairman
Richard K. Quateman
Robert W. Moroney

Erik G Mansfield, Superintendent

WATER DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

	2007	2008
TOTAL WATER PUMPED	130,448,000 (Permitted withdrawal:	117,837,000 142,350,000)
MAXIMUM DAY	806,000	723,000
AVERAGE GALLONS/PERSON/DAY	72.94	60.63
HARDNESS (Calcium)	180.0 mg/l	160.0 mg/l
MILES OF WATER MAIN	28.15	28.15
FIRE HYDRANTS	212	212
WATER SERVICES	1,159	1,165
NEW SERVICES ADDED	3	6
METERED WATER SALES	$459,984.16	$454,862.95
OTHER INCOME	$3,506.20	$4,870.00
TOTAL INCOME	$463,490.36	$459,732.95

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For fiscal 2009 the total assessed value for real and personal property increased by $20,219,108 or 2.445% over last year from $833,457,209 to $853,676,317. The primary reason for the increase is two fold: a triennial revaluation and valuation growth through new dwellings and dwelling additions. Fiscal year 2009 assessed values are based on a valuation date of January 1, 2008 using calendar year 2007.

The town again benefited from significant new growth of $14,776,312 which added $190,910 tax dollars to the Levy Limit.

The fiscal year 2009 tax rate increased $.79 or 6.1% from $12.92 to $13.71 per thousand of assessed valuation from 2008 to 2009. The median assessed valuation for a single family home in Wenham is now assessed for $551,900; a decrease of $7,700 or .14% from last year. The average assessed value for a single family home in Wenham is $654,300, an increase of $8,700 or .13% over last year.

During Fiscal 2008, we received 52 real estate and 1 personal property abatement applications, of which 27 were fully or partially approved, for a total abated assessed value of $1,115,000. We also approved the following real estate tax exemptions:

Statute	Number	Amount
Chapter 59, CL 22, 22A, & 22E - Veterans	13	$6,150.00
Chapter 59, CL 37A – Blind	6	$3,000.00
Chapter 59, CL 41A – Tax Deferral	8	$42,059.81
Chapter 59, CL 41C – Senior 65 & over	14	$14,000.00

Four seniors had their taxes reduced by $750 as a result of their participation in the Senior Citizens Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program.

We want to thank the Wenham taxpayers, Board of Selectmen, and other Town Boards and Committees for their support over the past year.

Thomas Tanous Richard Fleming Lisa Craig

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

A total of 158 building permits were issued this year, including one new single family dwelling. The total amount collected in permit fees during the year was $33,322.

A building permit should be obtained for work performed on your building. This ensures that the work has been done according to the Mass Building Code and that the contractor has provided the proper licenses and insurance.

CHARLES BRETT
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

A total of 130 permits were issued this year. Total fees collected for these permits amounted to $5,780.

Plumbing fees are as follows: $60 for new construction (plus $5 per fixture); $30 replacement fixtures (includes 3 fixtures) minimum fee $30.

Gas fees are as follows: $60 for new construction (plus $5 per appliance); minimum fee $30.

KEVIN DASH
Gas & Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

A total of 134 electrical permits were issued this year. Total fees collected for these permits amounted to $18,744.

Permit fees for new construction, additions, and remodeling are $10 for the first $1,000 of estimated building costs as determined by the building inspector and $3 for each additional $1,000.

In order to obtain an electrical permit the licensed electrician must submit proof of liability insurance, including completed operations coverage, or a signed waiver from the building owner.

ROBERT. B. BROWN, JR.
Electrical Inspector

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health continues the review of Title 5 septic upgrades and new construction. During the past year, the upgrading of septic systems in the aquifer protection areas has been a priority. We participated in meetings with the Project Review Committee. Discussed were the proposed Arbor Street subdivision and the Mullen property with Deaconess Abundant Life Communities. The Board approved the concept plan submitted for the proposed Arbor Street Subdivision and conducted a public hearing for changes in the Watershed Protection Regulations.

We continue to partner with the thirteen cities and towns that make up the North Shore Coalition for emergency preparedness. The Town of Wenham continues to be a participant in the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District, an important service which continues to monitor the species of mosquito which inhabit the swamps of Wenham and provides the initial warning to the Health Department of any mosquito-borne disease. We continue to review our participation with the COA Wellness Clinic Programs. A flu clinic was held at the Community House in conjunction with the Hamilton BOH. A hazardous household waste collection was held at the Town Yard on Grapevine Road. The Board continued testing of water in Pleasant Pond.

John Jacobi retired this year after ten years as our Health Agent. An ad was placed on the website of the Massachusetts Health Officers Association. Twelve individuals responded. The Board interviewed two consulting engineers firms as well as six of the respondents to our ad. Gregory P. Bernard of Danvers was chosen as the Town of Wenham's new Health Agent.

Gerald T. Donnellan, Chairman
Dorothy Dodge Maciejowski
Frank P. Giacalone, Food Services
Dr. Miguel A. Martinez
Gregory P. Bernard, Health Agent

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board notes with pleasure that the 2008 Town Meeting saw fit to appropriate $25,000 to hire a consultant (Mark Bobrowski) to work with a select committee (the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Committee) appointed by the Selectmen to do a complete rewrite of the town bylaw. If the 2009 Town Meeting decides to accept those changes, this will be the last report I will write under the old system. Our existing bylaw has evolved in fits and starts since 1957 and was in sore need of modernization.

Two small subdivisions were finally approved in 2008. One at 363 Grapevine Road created three new lots and one at 65 Arbor Street created one new lot. I say "finally" because both of these developments, for different reasons, used up huge amounts of Planning Board time relative to their size.

After a Fire Department safety evaluation and final approval, a fourth cell phone antenna (Personal Wireless Services Facility) was approved for the steeple at Gordon College. This antenna, like its siblings, is totally camouflaged within the steeple and has its support structure in the basement.

A Public Hearing for a new subdivision at 75 Arbor Street was opened. When/if completed this development will create nine new houses in Wenham including one affordable unit. An additional unit in Hamilton will be accessed off of the subdivision Road.

The Board voted to adopt the Affordable Housing Productions Plan as presented by the Affordable Housing Master Plan Committee. This is a work in progress and you will read more about it elsewhere in this document.

The Board approved the usual small number of land swaps where people of good will cooperate to correct defects in their lots to make them conforming.

The Board has received with regret a notice from E. Stanley Dodge of his intent not to seek reelection to his position on the Planning Board when his term expires in 2009. The Board has been at full strength for many years and encourages interested citizens to come to a Planning Board meeting on the second Thursday of the month.

David Geikie, Chairman
Virginia Rogers
Minot Frye
Donald Killam
Stan Dodge

CEMETERY COMMISSION

The cemetery commission had a very productive year. At the Iron Rail Cemetery the engraved front pillars were ordered and set in place. The water lines were installed thanks to members of the D.P.W. A new flagpole, surrounded by a 16 foot circle of stone pressed into concrete, is also complete. This is enclosed by granite posts connected with steel chain. Other posts mark the beginning of a crushed bluestone walkway leading to the flag. Several flowering trees and bushes have been planted with the remainder to be planted in the spring.

As mentioned in last year's report, fees have been increased for both full burials and cremations. These fees went into effect December 1st and are available at Town Hall or online at www.wenhamma.gov. Plot fees were also increased and mirrowcosts of neighboring towns. The opening and closing of graves is now contracted to Mscisz of Danvers. They also perform this service for Danvers and Beverly. Our D.P.W. continues with the general upkeep and maintenance of both cemeteries, as well as contributing greatly to the ongoing efforts to finalize the work at the Iron Rail.

In the coming year, we hope to get started on projects involving the Fairfield cemetery and determining the extent of work needed on the building at the Main Street Cemetery.

As chairman, I'm sure I speak for Dot Maciejowski in thanking our newest member to the Board, Dr. Bryant Barnard, whose tireless efforts have made the Iron Rail Cemetery project come together as quickly as it has. The board would also like to thank Hugh Collins, whose design for the Iron Rail Cemetery is on display at the Town Hall. It is truly magnificent! The Board would also like to thank Debi Morong who, along with dozens of other responsibilities, is keeping our books in order. Again we would like to thank Bill Tyack and his crew: John, Shawn, Bill, Bob, Lenny, Jay, and Don as well as retired Water Superintendent Bruce Blanchard for all their help in the past year.

Finally, we would like to thank those who have donated to the new Cemetery Gift Fund. Our current total is over five thousand dollars. If you would like to add to the fund, the gifts may be for a specific item [ex. a tree or bench] or for general use. They may be a remembrance or given anonymously.

Richard Caves, Chairman

Dorothy Dodge Maciejowski, Secretary

Dr. Bryant Barnard, Financial Officer

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, adopted in 1972, is a statewide wetlands protection law that, in conjunction with associated regulations, govern activities near wetland resource areas including wetlands, water bodies, and other areas "subject to protection." Work in these areas is regulated to protect the important roles that wetlands serve, including:

- Protection of public, private, and ground water supplies
- Flood control
- Storm damage prevention
- Pollution prevention
- Protection of fisheries and wildlife habitat, and land containing shellfish

The Town of Wenham consists of approximately 40 % wetlands. Wetlands, also known as swamps, bogs, and marshes, are identified according to three criteria: plant and tree species, existence of water in the soil (called hydrology), and soil type, determined by color and composition.

The primary responsibility for administrating the Wetlands Protection Act falls to local conservation commissions. The Commission in Wenham consists of seven volunteer members and one part-time paid coordinator. In 1988 the Town of Wenham adopted the Wenham Water Resources Protection Bylaw which is administered concurrently with the state Wetlands Protection Act. Wenham's local wetlands bylaw is more stringent than the state law in that it requires greater setbacks (minimum distances) from wetlands in which activities can occur. The local bylaw was amended in 2007. The amendments clarify some procedures and definitions, provide more conservative definitions of vernal pools, expand the ability to hire consultants for project review and generally allow for greater protection of wetland resources throughout the Town. This year, the commission worked closely with their consulting attorney to revise the local regulations to ensure their consistency with the 2007 bylaw changes.

Any activity within 100 feet of a wetland resource area requires review by the Conservation Commission, and many activities require a permit. In some instances, actions within 200 feet of a river, pond, or lake can also be regulated. Based on the local bylaw and except for special circumstances, septic systems may be located no closer than 100 ft from a wetland and no construction activity may occur closer than 50 ft. from a wetland. In addition, the bylaw states that no activity or disturbance of any kind may occur closer than 30 ft. from a wetland, with the exception that a driveway or utility line may pass as close as 20 ft. to a wetland.

Information on approximate wetland locations in the Town of Wenham is available through the Conservation Commission office at Town Hall. Moreover, the Conservation Coordinator is available to help residents make preliminary determinations on wetland locations and boundaries. Actual delineation of wetland boundaries for permitting purposes, however, must be performed by licensed wetlands professionals. The Conservation Commission urges Wenham residents with any questions pertaining to wetlands to contact the Conservation Coordinator at Town Hall or via email at ecademartori@wenhamma.gov

In 2008, under the state and local wetland laws, the conservation commission:

- Granted Orders of Condition for five new projects
- Issued six Certificates of Compliance
- Provided eleven Determinations of Applicability
- Investigated multiple violations and brought several enforcement actions

In addition to issuing permits, the Coordinator and some commission members participated in the newly formed PRC (Plan Review Committee) process to review three proposed larger-scale projects: two residential subdivisions and the re-development of the Mullen property.

Field investigations were conducted by the Coordinator and Commissioner Colarusso to collect evidence in support of applications to certify multiple vernal pool locations in town. The Conservation Commission and/or its coordinator also made many site visits to monitor construction, confirm wetland boundaries, and assist homeowners with the permitting process.

In addition to protecting the town's natural resources, the Conservation Commission is also charged with the stewardship of certain parcels of open space in the town. A number of these parcels have conservation restrictions governing their use. A sub-committee was formed to update the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan (originally written in 2001). As part of this effort, a survey of town residents was conducted to assess priorities regarding open space protection and use.

The Commission received a state grant supporting the acquisition of GIS software and training, which will be used to produce updated maps for the Open Space plan. When completed, the updated plan will qualify the Town for various state-supported grant programs.

The Commission welcomed Jeffrey Fotta last year as a new Commissioner appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill a vacancy.

The Commission encourages all residents to protect Wenham's natural resources by adhering to the state and local wetlands laws and by conserving water, recycling and composting organic wastes. The Commission also urges residents to limit their use of fertilizer, weed control chemicals and pesticides and reminds residents that use of these substances is strictly regulated near wetlands. For information or guidance on any of these issues, please contact the Conservation Office.

Philip Colarusso
Kenneth Whittaker
Robert Burnett

Jeffrey Fotta
Leo Maestranzi
Malcolm Reid

Patrick Wilson (Chairman)

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Wenham Historic District Commission issued 13 Certificates of Appropriateness for modifications to existing buildings, new construction, and signs within the Historic District in 2008. The certificates included:

1. A real estate sign at the entrance to the Boulders project at 181 Main Street
2. New garage doors at 191 Main Street
3. A sign for Maria Lekkakos's Spa at 154 Main Street
4. A new chimney at 106 Main Street
5. A new façade for the old firehouse building at 148 Main Street which is now the Coast Store
6. A wooden picket type fence at 202 Main Street
7. A new entrance and new signs for Gallery Della-Pina and SEAMS at 152R Main Street
8. A split rail fence at 34 Main Street
9. A new front door at 168 Main Street
10. A new sign for CIS at 152 Main Street
11. A new sign and awning for Coast at 148 Main Street
12. The demolition of the barn at 155 Main Street
13. A split rail fence in the rear of 148 Main Street

The Commission did reject an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a solid wooden fence at 20 Main Street. The fence had already been erected when the Commission received the application. After several meetings with the owners they agreed to remove the fence and replace it with plantings which effectively shielded their house from Main Street.

Letter to Property Owners with the Historic District
The Commission had noticed that a number of projects undertaken within the Historic District which required Commission approval were undertaken without that approval. In order to minimize this type of action in the future, the Commission sent a letter to every property owner in the Historic District explaining that their property was in the Historic District and any modification to the property visible from the public way required Commission approval. The letter explained what sort of changes required approval and how to go about applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Support for Applications for CPA Funds
The Commission provided support for two applications for CPA funding. The first was the continuation of the funding for the Town Hall/Police Station project and the second was support for the repair and restoration of the fence around the Civil War Monument.

The War Memorial
The Commission held initial discussions with representatives from the Committee working on the replacement of the Memorial for World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam veterans. The discussion centered on where the monument might be placed within the Town Center.

Jim Howard, Chairman (District Resident)
David Mehlin (Architect)
Jennifer Tymann (Wenham Resident)
Tom Zampell (Wenham Resident)
Don Bannon (Architect)
Lanse Robb (District Resident and Real Estate Broker)
Sissi Finn (District Resident)

Wenham Chair - Awarded John Darling in Recognition of his Exemplary Work as Chairman of the Town Hall & Police Station Building Committee

IRON RAIL COMMISSION

The Commission has been quite busy during 2008. We were fortunate to add Ted Batchelder to our Board. Ted heads up the soccer program and has brought in added revenue to the soccer program from outside rentals.

Bill Tyack is operating the heating system in addition to keeping a helpful eye on the property on a day to day basis.

We experienced problems with drainage in the soccer fields. Rain during the year also caused problems in the outdoor dog area. Surface conditions with several drains have corrected this problem. Paul Johnson from Hamilton was very helpful in advising and correcting the problem.

The insulation of the gym ceiling was completed and we believe it has saved on heating. Jones Boys completed the installation at a very reasonable cost.

During the summer our monthly meetings were shifted from the Hamilton-Wenham Library to the Wenham Town Hall.

This year the cemetery area was activated and removed from our supervision. A number of burials have been held and many improvements have been completed.

In October we experienced a fire due to football equipment left on a radiator in the barn. A severe loss was averted thanks to fire detectors and the quick response by the Fire Department. The responsible parties paid for the damage.

We are lucky to have a strong committee helping out whenever needed.

James Perkins
Bill Hidden
Al Dodge
Phil Blanchette
Ted Batchelder

COUNCIL ON AGING

The mission of the Wenham Council on Aging is to provide and advance programs and services to enrich the lives of older adults in the community. The Wenham Council on Aging is a state mandated council with council members being volunteers. General meetings of the Council are held at the Wenham Senior Center, the second Tuesdays of the month, at 2:00 PM. The meetings are open to the public and Wenham residents are encouraged to attend.

Following are highlights for the year 2008, proving to be another great year:

Monthly newsletters continue to be a big part of senior outreach. Newsletters are mailed to over 800 seniors in our community. Full funding for postage was provided by the Friends of the Wenham COA. Another means of out reaching is the COA web site. The site is updated on a regular basis on-going programs, current newsletters, and board minutes.

In late 2007 the Wenham COA, through state and federal funding, was able to hire a part-time Outreach Coordinator. Gerry Morenski continues to do an outstanding job, connecting with our seniors through phone calls and home visits. She currently offers a Monthly Low Vision program and a Friendly Visitor Program. Partial funding for this position is through SeniorCare, Inc., of Gloucester Wenham's senior service agency. The outreach service is available to any Wenham senior age 60 and/or their caregiver.

The COA hosted an annual ice cream social for 35 attendees at the Senior Center and an Afternoon Tea for 50 attendees at Enon Village. Our goal for 2009 is to offer more trips/social gatherings in order for seniors to get re-acquainted with their old friends and to make new friends. During 2008, the Wenham COA worked with the Hamilton COA and H-W Community House to sponsor a Fall Breakfast for area seniors. At this breakfast, 80 seniors from the two communities attended. Special thanks to the H-W Rotary Club for cooking the breakfast. The Wenham Council on Aging, the Friends of the Wenham Council on Aging, and the H-W Community House sponsored a Fall Fling for area seniors in November. Many people came together to make this happen and a good time was had by all. For a first time event such as this, we had an attendance of 75.

The Senior Tax Work Off Abatement Program, administered out of the COA office, allows Wenham residents over the age of 60 to perform work for the Town of Wenham at a rate equal to minimum wage in order to earn credit towards their property tax bill. Under this program, senior residents are allowed to earn up to $750.00 in credit, which is applied to their property tax bill. In 2008, the program had three participants. For more information regarding this program, please contact the Wenham Council on Aging office at 978-468-5529.

Holiday plants were distributed to over 180 seniors over the age 80. This program continues to be a big hit with our seniors. Special thanks to Jean Eddy who organizes this program and thanks also to the team of volunteers who deliver the plants. This year, we enlisted the help of Buker Elementary parents to assist with the delivery.

The Arts Committee has done an outstanding job in obtaining local artists's work in order to display them at the Senior Center. Local artists can display their work, while beautifying the Senior Center. Many thanks to Doris Suminsby who continues to line up local artists for this program.

The Programs Committee continues to offer an array of programs for seniors. A *Handyman Man* program, now into its second year, allows seniors a way of getting small items fixed at little or no cost to them. A special thanks to Dick Eddy for keeping this program running. The H-W School Administration has been kind enough to allow us to use a room in the bottom of their building. Another program available to the seniors is *Shredder Day*. Seniors can bring their old paperwork into the Senior Center to be shredded at no cost. This assists the senior with recycling and avoiding Identify Theft. In 2008, the COA was able to purchase a TV in order to continue to offer *Movie Matinee* monthly. This is a great way for seniors to see a variety of movies for free, in their neighborhood. A special thanks to Roseann Brozenske for coordinating this program. In order to assist seniors with their health, the Wenham Council on Aging continues to offer a monthly *Wellness Clinic*. During this time, staff from Northeast Health Link provides free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. We also offer monthly *Podiatry Clinic* simultaneously with the Wellness Clinic. Partial funding support for this wellness comes from the Wenham Board of Health and the Friends of the Wenham COA. *Saturday Coffee socials* continue to run monthly September through June. We invite guest speakers from town to share information on town issues and activities. We average 20-50 attendees each coffee. We were also fortunate to have as guest speakers Sen. Bruce Tarr and Rep. Brad Hill.

Friends of the Wenham Council of Aging is into their third year. Donations to this group are both state and federal tax deductible. During 2008, the Friends held the Second Annual Kite Flying Day. Over 100 attendees helped to make this a successful day. Kites were made by people of all ages at the Bessie Buker Elementary School, where they later traveled to the grounds of Gordon Conwell to put their kites to flight. The Friends of the Wenham Council on Aging has started a quilt – a piece of art that will display various Wenham properties. The Wenham Town Hall is saving a place for this quilt to hang.

As Director of the COA, I continue to play an active role in TRIAD. TRIAD is a national initiative that began in 1989. TRIAD represents a partnership among a community's senior or retired leaders, its local Chief of Police, the County Sheriff, and the District Attorney. The primary goal is to address crime issues that affect the health and safety of older citizens. TRIAD teams work together to reduce criminal victimization of the elderly and to enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to older persons. I would like to thank Ken Walsh, Wenham Chief of Police, Bob Blanchard, Wenham Fire Chief, Jason Ebacher and Mariellen Fidyrich of the Essex County Sheriff's Department for their continued support and commitment to the Town of Wenham TRIAD Council. I would also like to thank the seniors who serve on the council: Wil Hardy, Ruth Kingsley, Roseann Brozenske, and Carol Tyack.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jeff Chelgren, Wenham Town Administrator; the Wenham Selectman; and the COA board members for their support, and their understanding of the importance of our COA programs. As the town's COA, it is our responsibility to see to the seniors of Wenham and without the town's support, this would not be possible.

Respectfully submitted:
Trudy Reid, Wenham Council on Aging Director

Council on Aging Board Members:

Richard Eddy
Luci Lynch
Susan Carp
Merle Welsh
Mary Kelly
Jean Eddy
Roseann Brozenski
Cecile Moscatiello
Paul Mendonca

Associate Board Members:

John Suminsby
Nancy Spofford
Marion D'Ambrosio

HAMILTON-WENHAM COUNCIL ON AGING VAN SERVICE

The Hamilton-Wenham Council on Aging Van Service Program went into operation February 2004. The van is a 7-9 passenger van that is handicap-accessible. Ridership has significantly increased with impressive usage being reported each month.

During the year 2008, we provided over 3,000 rides to Hamilton and Wenham seniors and signed up 16 new riders. Many seniors use the service to go to their medical appointments, which may include rides to Beverly Hospital, Beverly Hospital in Danvers Cummings Center, and Ipswich. Other rides include non–medical trips to the hairdresser's, grocery shopping, church, crafts at Enon Village, banks, and train stations.

The van operates 5 days a week from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Reservations can be made up to one month in advance or, if the schedule permits, the van can accommodate last minute calls. The van service is considered curb to curb service. This transportation is free to all Hamilton and Wenham residents age 60 or older, and to any resident that is handicapped. Voluntary donations are accepted which are deposited into a "van gift account" set up through the Town of Wenham. These monies are used for van expenses not covered by the budget. The van program continues to employ one supervisor, one part-time dispatcher, and three part-time drivers.

As the van continues to age, a special thanks to the Wenham Highway Department for all the repairs and maintenance they do to keep the van on the road.

The following Mission Statement is deeply rooted in a philosophy common among and shared by the staff at the COA: "The purpose of the Hamilton-Wenham Van program is to provide transportation services that will not only enrich the lives of our senior population but allow them to maintain a sense of independence as well."

Respectfully submitted,
Trudy Reid
H-W COA Van Supervisor

WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Wenham Housing Authority, with the assistance of the Executive Director is responsible for the administration of Enon Village (the attractive apartment complex for the elderly/disabled on Larch Lane) and the two four-bedroom houses for disabled adults also on Larch Lane. The Housing Authority cooperates with both the WSSH Committee and the Accord Food Pantry to ensure that tenants have access to needed social services.

This year, long term Commissioner Marion D'Ambrosio decided to resign and Gail McLean was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to complete her term.

Eighty-nine residents, some of whom have barrier-free apartments, currently occupy the eighty-four units. Our present waiting list consists of 37 people which is fewer than in previous years; consequently, the waiting list is shorter than it has been in the past. Currently there is one Wenham resident on the list. Approximately half of the list is made up of underage disabled applicants. There is a cap on the number of disabled tenants who may live in elderly housing. There were twelve (12) vacancies in 2008. Income eligibility for residency in the fall of 2008 remained at $46,300 for one person and $52,950 for two persons.

The buildings and grounds at Enon Village are well maintained by the staff and the Enon Village Tenants Associations contributes to the beautification through their flower planting and gardening. In 2007, the Board of Commissioners approved completion of five buildings which had not been completed the year before. The work on these roofs was completed in 2008. The new roofs were paid out of Authority funds.

Tenants continue to benefit from the community at Enon Village. Each tenant who desires a garden plot is assigned one. Additionally, plots are available to seniors in Wenham and Hamilton depending on availability. In the last few years several elders from Wenham and Hamilton have raised vegetables and flowers along with the tenants here.

The Lunch Program which had been provided by Senior Care and the Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School was discontinued at the end of the June school year. Toward the end of the year the Council on Aging presented a plan to the Board of Commissioners to resume a luncheon program at Enon Village. The Board allocated $2,000 towards the program and the program is expected to begin in the Spring of 2009.

The Tenants have a very active association and are involved in recreational activities as well as fundraising activities such as their Christmas fair. Proceeds from the fair have been used for local scholarships and similar charities.

The Council on Aging's van service is well-utilized by the tenants at Enon Village and the number of tenants using the service continues to increase.

Once again we wish to express our appreciation to the Police, Fire, and Highway departments for their continued concern and support on behalf of the Enon Village residents. Also, we wish to thank the Wenham Post Office for making stamps purchase available at Christmastime at Enon Village. We'd also like to thank the Wenham Council on Aging and the Wenham Public Library for making life more pleasant at Enon Village. Also, appreciation is given to the Hamilton Wenham Garden Club for their workshops here.

The Board of Commissioners meets 10 times per year on the second Tuesday of the month in the community building at Enon Village.

Finally, if anyone is interested in visiting the facilities at Larch Lane or if they have any questions, please contact Marian Linden, Executive Director, at the Housing Authority at 468-1532 Monday through Thursday.

Elizabeth Craig McCormack, State Appointee
Elizabeth Armington, Vice Chair
James Stelline, Treasurer
Ann Shaw, Asst. Treasurer
Gail McLean, Commissioner

Marian Linden, Exec. Director
Christopher Cerino, Maintenance
James Prime, Groundskeeper
Marie DiPietro, Admin. Assistant

Wenham Board of Selectmen

WENHAM ISSUES OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND HOUSING

The Wenham Issues of Social Service and Housing (WISSH) was established in 1979 to assist Wenham residents experiencing an emergency financial situation. Members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Along with emergency financial assistance, WISSH is a referral agent for Wenham residents who are in need of help with housing/shelter, food, medicine, insurance, utility bills, and fuel assistance. The committee has established monthly meetings which are held at the Wenham Council on Aging building on School Street. Meeting dates and times are posted at the Wenham Town Hall.

2008 was a year of transition for the Committee. As of June, 2008, and after many years of serving as chair of WISSH, Susan Harnisch turned the chairmanship over to board member Patricia Purdy. Susan remains a valuable board member and continues to be an invaluable resource for the board. Jane Pedersen was welcomed as a new board member, and Trudy Reid became the committee's liaison to Town Hall. WISSH now has a direct phone line via town hall; the number is 978-468-5520 x 9. Messages may be left and the board chair will return all calls. A financial screening is completed for each request to determine eligibility for assistance. Strict confidentiality is maintained by using a number-coded system to transact all financing.

Programs under the guidance of WISSH are as follows:

NORTH SHORE HOME CONSORTIUM: The Town of Wenham receives money annually from the Consortium through HUD (Housing and Urban Development). The money can be used for rehab of a residence, First Time Home Buyers Program, or rental assistance.

JAMES BRADY FUND: These funds are used to promote affordable housing in Wenham.

LOCAL INITIATIVE HOUSING: There are nine names on the lottery waiting list in the event a unit becomes available. Nichole Hagstrom, at the town hall (468-5520 x2), is list coordinator.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: In 2008, 18 requests for emergency financial assistance were processed. Of those, 5 were single parents, 5 disabled citizens, 5 senior citizens, and 3 families.

Funding for WISSH comes from the generosity of town residents who respond to the board's annual appeal for financial support. WISSH does not receive funding from the Wenham Town Budget so we are dependent on our residents who respond to our letter each fall. We are grateful to the Water Department for allowing us to include our letter in the November water bill. We would also like to thank First Church in Wenham for their generous financial gift which we apply for each year through a grant process of the mission board.

Finally, thank you to our selectmen and Town Administrator for their help and support in this year of transition.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia K. Purdy, Chairperson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Patricia Purdy, Chair.	Susan Harnisch	Calvin Perkins
Ann Shaw, Co-Chair	Donald Killam	Tom Tanous
Susan Carp, Secretary	Donald Luxton	
Susan Bannon	Jane Pedersen	

Pleasant Pond Volunteer Day

THE HAMILTON-WENHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council awarded $8,897 in state funds for the year 2008 to local artists and performers in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. The 6 member Council strives to select events that will enrich and appeal to all sectors of the community. There were 28 applications for grants this year. Whole or partial funding was given to 15 applicants:

❖ Buker Elementary	Artquest Programs
❖ Cantemus Chamber Chorus	Voices of Jazz
❖ Community Service of H & W	Libby Fireside Concert Series
❖ Friends of Wenham Council on Aging	Wenham Kite Flying Day
❖ Hamilton-Wenham Public Library	Toe Jam Puppet Band & Central Mass Repertory Theatre
❖ New England Light Opera	The Roaring 20's: A NewMusical Revue
❖ The Open Road Theater	The Wizard of Oz
❖ Sundays in Patton Park	Sundays in Patton Park
❖ Delvena Theater Company	Lizzie Borden and the 4 Whacks
❖ Gloucester Stage Company	Senior Group Ticket Sales
❖ Richard Clark – Hamilton COA	A. R. Gurney's Love Letters
❖ Community Service of H & W	Rising Star Open Mic Night
❖ Wenham Museum	Interactive Visitor's Guide
❖ Dancers Courageous, Inc/Buker	Legends School Program
❖ New Repertaory Theater	New Rep on Tour

On October 21, 2008, the Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council voted on and granted $9,133 for 115 grant applications for the year 2009.

Residents of Hamilton and Wenham with an interest in the arts may want to consider applying for a position on the Council. Council members serve three-year terms and are appointed by the Boards of Selectmen. There are positions open on the Board for the coming year.

Meredith Gisness, Chairperson
Council Members:
Lorrie Berry, Roberta Perkins, Elizabeth Roberts, Mary Buntin, Prudy Pilkanis (new member), Beth McLeod

HAMILTON – WENHAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

We continue our commitment to fund facility improvements even though these hard economic times have made it more trying. We were pleased to help the Friends of Buker fundraise for a new gym floor. The Board continues to research field development projects.

On the program side of our mission, we continue to try new programs and participate in many special events for the community, including Pumpkins in the Park, Winterfest, and Kite Day. We will continue to branch out to offer programs not traditionally associated with the Recreation Department. We look forward to many more collaborations in the future.

There were many changes this year in the Recreation Department. In the Summer of 2008, Robert Kerrigan, a long-time member of the Board, retired. Patrick Shea was appointed in his place. On October 1, 2009, Margaret Whitesell retired as Director of the Recreation Department. Maggie had been the Director for over 13 years and will be missed. In her absence, Diane Manter Brown, Administrative Assistant, took over the responsibilities as Interim Director, while the Search Committee reviewed the numerous applications and conducted interviews. The Recreation Board is pleased to announce that Melissa Roy has been hired as the new Director of the Recreation Department. Melissa was previously employed by the Town of Wellesley and will be joining us starting March 2, 2009. We look forward to working with Melissa.

Respectfully submitted:
Diane Manter Brown, Interim Director

Hamilton-Wenham Recreation Board
Jay Butler, Chairman
Denis Curran
Renee LaForce-MacDonald
Jane Lyman
Patrick Shea
Lindle Willnow

RECREATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Hamilton-Wenham Recreation Department provides a wide variety of programs designed to improve the quality of life for residents by meeting physical and recreational needs. We promote lifelong lesson through play, education, and community-wide events.

HAMILTON-WENHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Hamilton-Wenham Public Library continues to be a welcoming destination and a source of information, leisure reading, meeting spaces, and cultural programming for our two towns. The Library Trustees who served during 2008 were Wendy Daynes, Chair; Doris Gallant, Secretary; Annette Janes; Madelyn Liberti; Janice Pappas; Joanne Ridinger; and Elizabeth Stanton. Joanne Ridinger's term ended in May and Janice Pappas was elected. We thank Joanne for her dedication as a trustee and for giving her time as a volunteer. The trustees meet monthly and work hard to support the library and its important role to the community.

I always say that the Hamilton-Wenham library has the best staff; all members creatively and enthusiastically bring high quality service, programs, and materials to our citizens as well as many patrons for neighboring towns. This year Diane Barrett, Head of Circulation, retired. She and the circulation staff are to be commended because in 2008 we reached our highest circulation ever. A total of 239,928 items circulated during the year, which is nearly 10,000 more than last year. Our meeting rooms were used by community groups and library programs a total of 877 times. The library offered 192 adult programs, 115 young adult programs, and 240 children's programs. Our reference department answered 15,755 reference questions and our study rooms were used a total of 1,631 times. We thank Jean Buckley for making it possible for us to host six excellent art exhibits during the year that attracted many visitors to our facility.

We had another successful summer reading program complete with special Wednesday night events including our always popular "Vehicle Night." The teens enjoyed many programs including "Guard Up," and "Cooking with Katie." We also worked with the schools to have the summer reading list books available. It has now become a tradition each summer to promote a book of local interest and take a field trip. This year, Hamilton-Wenham adults were encouraged to read Captains Courageous by Rudyard Kipling. We viewed the movie and visited the Cape Anne Historical Museum in Gloucester.

2008 was year two of a two-year LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) $20,000 grant for "Tweens and Teens." In 2008 we continued the improvements to the Young Adult area and included a mural contest with a lovely mural being painted on one of the posts. The collection development funds will improve the nonfiction collection for youth from 11 to 18 years of age. The grant will improve resource-sharing and communication with the Middle School and High School Library staff so that all students will be aware of and able to benefit from the public library's resources. Librarians Kim Claire, Lorraine Der, and Dede McManus visited the schools to give book talks and to introduce the faculty to the resources available on our web site. A $600 grant supplied new music CDs for our collection. We also received a $5,000 EqualAccess Grant which has helped us purchase materials and provide programs that were specifically requested through a survey. A $10,000 Readers' Advisory Grant provided training for the staff and materials for the public.

Adults enjoyed many special programs including the monthly Literary Luncheon, computer classes, a Genealogy Lock-in, and an Energy Efficiency Fair. Our senior citizens enjoyed a wide variety of speakers and fellowship at our monthly Koffee Klatch.

During 2008 we launched our second Community Read, "Two Books for Two Towns." We read A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson and Reading the Forested Landscape: a Natural History of New England by Tom Wessels. It was a joy to again partner with Gordon College and invite Tom Wessels to speak about his book at the A.J. Gordon Memorial Chapel on April 8. In 2009 our third community read celebrates "Exploring the past…understanding the present." We will offer a variety of programs and activities related to Bread and Roses, Too by Katherine Paterson and While in Darkness There is Light by Louella Bryant. Katherine Paterson will speak at Gordon College on April 7, 2009 and Louella Bryant will speak at our library on April 22, 2009. Patrons of all ages are invited and encouraged to read these books and participate in the related activities.

Many of our programs are funded by the generous support of the Friends of the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library who are a stellar group of dedicated volunteers. They held two very profitable book sales and a successful membership drive. The friends helped purchase a CD and DVD cleaner enabling us to restore damaged media. They continue to provide the following museum passes for the public to enjoy: Boston by Foot, Children's Museum in Boston, Cape Ann Historical Museum in Gloucester, DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, Department of Conservation and Recreation Parks, House of Seven Gables, JFK Library and Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museum, Roger Williams Park Zoo, and the Wenham Museum. Patrons can call to reserve passes or access the remote sign-up on our website.

We could not operate without our dedicated volunteers who cheerfully and faithfully help us in countless ways to keep the library running smoothly. We also work with volunteers who have school and diversion program community service requirements. We received some very generous donations from patrons which helped us add timely and important items to our collection.

We continue to list our programs and events on our website at *www.hwlibrary.org*. Patrons can order library materials from home and access many databases using their library cards. Besides the statewide and consortium databases, we offer Hamilton-Wenham citizens access to Ancestry.com Library Edition, two geography databases, Magill's Medical Guide, Booklist Online and others. We also offer the full Britannica.com which can be used remotely day and night. Most databases can be used remotely using the barcode on the back of your library card or using the user name and password of *hwplpatron*.

The library staff and trustees diligently work to constantly improve collections and services. We greatly appreciate the citizens of Hamilton and Wenham; they are tremendously supportive and value education, learning, and reading. We look forward to working with you all in 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Dempsey, Library Director

HAMILTON-WENHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Library Director Jan Dempsey has worked hard this year as always to make the Hamilton-Wenham Library the exceptional facility that it is. The Trustees wish to commend her for an outstanding effort. Our circulation figures for the year showed marked increase, and the December 2008 figures alone showed an increase of over 6000 more items than December 2004. We have a remarkable Director and a dedicated professional library staff. Our library is the cultural center of Hamilton and Wenham.

Diane Barrett, who began her library career at the Wenham library and went on to serve at the new facility, is retiring in January 2009. We will miss her kind and smiling assistance and wish her many happy days to enjoy with her family. We thank Joanne Ridinger for her service as a Trustee and we welcomed a new Trustee, Janice Pappas.

In addition to making available several excellent and hugely successful book sales, our hardworking Hamilton-Wenham Friends of the Library group provided nearly $10,000 for many cultural programs and paid for all of the Museum passes that are offered free to the public. In addition they paid part of the fee for the CD/DVD repair machine that is so helpful in caring for and restoring library media.

The library received several memorial gifts this year, including endowments from the Susan D. Lilly Estate and the Helen F. Coughlin Estate. It is so gratifying when people remember the library in their wills. In December, the Trustees and Director sent out a request for charitable donations and were able to collect a little over $3,700 dollars from generous patrons.

A **Teens and Tweens Grant** written by Director Jan Dempsey and Michel Augeri made available library materials, new poof chairs, a checkerboard table, cds and a mural contest that provided a beautiful addition to the teen area of the library. The winner, Emily Klobucher, painted an outstanding mural. The programs provided for the library with an **Equal Access Grant** aimed at the baby boomer generation have been very successful. Thanks to a combination of grants, Gordon College, and the Friends, the **Two Books for Two Towns** programs were outstanding. www.hwlibrary.org is a must add on to anyone's list of computer favorite sites. It continues to receive thousands of hits and is the door to information about the library and all it offers to the public.

In regards to the facility, a faulty backflow valve, HVAC problems, and a few roof leaks have been corrected but have taxed patience and the Building Fund.

Respectfully submitted;
Annette V. Janes
Wendy Waller, Chair
Doris Gallant, Secretary
Elizabeth Stanton
Madelyn Liberti
Janice Pappas

EASTERN ESSEX DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

This department is charged under Chapter 115 Massachusetts General Laws with providing services to veterans, their survivors, and dependents. Principal workload under state law includes the administration of aid to veterans and dependents. Communities fund this program, which is subsequently 75% reimbursed the following fiscal year by the Commonwealth. This is a need-based program and the department is required to conduct periodic comprehensive review of the cases to ensure no substantive facts have changed, while working with the veteran to identify alternative or long-term solutions to individual circumstances. During the calendar year no Wenham veterans/widows were on this program. Under state law the department also assists qualified veterans to obtain bonuses, and qualified veterans, widows, and parents to obtain state annuities, property tax abatements, and other benefits.

The Veterans' Services program also mandates extensive interaction within the federal community, principally with the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) assists veterans and their dependents in filing for pensions, service connected injury/illness compensation, dependency indemnity compensation for survivors, VA healthcare enrollment, insurance claims, decedent claims, and many other issues. Federal benefits processed by this department are paid directly to those eligible to receive the assistance or entitlement. The VA sent approximately $132,000 to eligible recipients in Wenham, of which the current staff is responsible for approximately $74,000 dollars paid to or saved by those assisted in Wenham.

Additionally, the department interacts within the federal community to correct military records, obtain needed documentation and insure veterans/dependents receive awards and recognition to which entitled. The VSO provided information, advice or assistance to 8 of the town's 170 *identified* veterans and 1 of the 46 *identified* veterans' widows during 2008. We also provide support and information assistance for National Guard and Reserves called up for service in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families.

The Director and the Assistant to the Director, Georgia Gadbois, advocate for veterans on issues at the local, state and federal level, interact with elected and appointed officials on issues, and work with local organizations in serving the community. The Director is currently assisting the Wenham Veterans Memorial Committee as they develop appropriate memorials to the Wenham veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

The Eastern Essex District is composed of the Towns of Essex, Georgetown, Hamilton, Ipswich, Rowley, Wenham, and West Newbury. A Board of Directors consisting of one selectman (or designee) from each town maintains oversight. Mr. John Clemenzi is the Wenham member of the Board of Directors.

Terrance P. Hart
District Director

Metropolitan Area Planning Council
Annual Report
2008

Created by an act of the Legislature in 1963, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) promotes inter-local cooperation and advocates for smart growth by working closely with cities and towns, state and federal agencies, non-profit institutions, and community-based organizations in the 101 cities and towns of Metropolitan Boston. MAPC strives to provide leadership on emerging issues of regional significance by conducting research, building coalitions, advocating for public policies, and acting as a regional forum for action.

MAPC provides technical assistance and specialized services in land use planning, water resources management, transportation, housing, resource protection, economic development, public safety, geographic information systems (GIS), collective purchasing, data analysis and research, legislative and regulatory policy, and the facilitation and support of inter-local partnerships. More information is available at www.mapc.org.

MAPC is governed by 101 municipal government appointees, 21 gubernatorial appointees, and 13 appointees of state and City of Boston agencies. An Executive Committee comprising 25 elected members oversees agency operations. The agency employs approximately 40 professional staff under the leadership of an executive director. Funding for MAPC activities is derived from governmental contracts and foundation grants, and a per-capita assessment on member municipalities.

To better serve the people who live and work in Metro Boston, MAPC has divided the region into eight subregions. Each subregion is overseen by a council of local leaders and stakeholders, and a staff coordinator provides organizational and technical staff support.

Advancing Smart Growth

MAPC is directed by statute to adopt, from time to time, a comprehensive regional plan. Our current plan, **MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region**, was adopted by the Council on December 2, 2008. This initiative, which has engaged over 5,000 individual and organizations throughout the region, will guide Metro Boston's growth and development, as well as the preservation of critical resources, through the year 2030. At the December 2 meeting, Council members and MetroFuture friends and supporters voted to move the project from planning into advocacy and action, and participants helped to set priorities among a series of implementation strategies designed to move MetroFuture into this dynamic next stage. MetroFuture is uniting the efforts of MAPC, partner organizations, and the thousands of "plan-builders" in an effort to alter regional priorities and growth patterns consistent with the new plan.

As a member of the **Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance**, MAPC helped to form the Transportation Investment Coalition last year. This year, the group of business,

environmental, public interest, and planning organizations changed its name to **Our Transportation Future,** and has actively advocated for savings, efficiencies, and new revenues to address the state transportation finance deficit.

MAPC has continued its participation on a zoning reform task force chaired by Undersecretary for Economic Development Gregory Bialecki. The **"Land Use Partnership Act,"** developed through the task force, would establish a framework for municipalities to designate growth and preservation areas, and to develop consistency between master plans and zoning. The bill would significantly modernize the state's outdated zoning and subdivision laws, providing a menu of reforms to all municipalities, and additional relief to those who choose to opt into the bill's planning and smart growth requirements. Passing legislation to reform zoning and planning in the Commonwealth will remain a key area of focus at MAPC throughout 2009.

Collaboration for Excellence in Local Government

Subregional councils continued to communicate with MAPC's eight regions and to gather citizen input this year. Most of the subregional coordinators hosted legislative breakfasts this year, where participants could prioritize legislative goals and ideas with their delegation.

Through its Metro Mayors Coalition, MAPC helped 21 communities secure more than $2 million in **Shannon Grant funding** over the past three years to implement multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary strategies to combat youth violence, gang violence, and substance abuse. Our North Shore Coalition has grown and flourished during 2008, working on issues as diverse as transportation planning, anti-gang programs, and consolidation of services.

Collaboration for Public Safety

MAPC performs fiduciary, planning, and project management duties for the **Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council** (NERAC), a network of 85 cities and towns north and west of Boston. In 2008, MAPC helped to develop evacuation and sheltering plan templates across the region, and created three regional caches of emergency response equipment that can be loaned out to municipalities for drill exercises or emergencies.

MAPC completed **Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans** for 46 cities and towns this year, on top of the 29 plans already completed in recent years. Each plan recommends strategies to mitigate the impacts of natural disasters *before* they occur, along with a GIS map series depicting areas subject to various natural hazards.

Collaboration for Municipal Savings

MAPC's **Regional Services Consortia** administered procurements for more than 50 cities and towns, saving communities up to 20% on purchases such as office supplies, paving services, and road maintenance. In 2008, MAPC performed multiple procurements for five consortia: North Shore, South Shore, Metrowest, Northwest and Merrimack Valley (the last in collaboration with the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission). MAPC also entered the vehicle fuels market in 2008, procuring a contract for several South Shore towns.

Reliable Data, Available to All

MAPC, along with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation, continued this year to provide municipalities with **Pictometry Oblique Aerial Imagery Technology** free of charge to cities and towns. The Pictometry Oblique Aerial Imagery Technology allows users to display features such as buildings, land areas and hydrology, which may be viewed from several directions and at different scales.

In April 2008, Pictometry International once again conducted a flyover of the entire state that provides five-way aerial imagery for all public sector agencies statewide. The five-way imagery consists of four oblique views (north, south, east and west) and one straight down view that may be viewed through Pictometry's Electronic Field Study software version 2.7, which is also available at no cost to municipalities.

MAPC also continued expanding the MetroBostonDataCommon.org Web site, which provides on-line mapping and chart-generating tools for users. This year, the Massachusetts School Building Authority contracted with MAPC for analysis and consulting services, including analysis of the impact of new schools on enrollment patterns. The Data Center also began distributing a monthly e-mail newsletter highlighting new datasets and resources for constituents.

MAPC's data center is partnering with the Donahue Institute at the University of Massachusetts to encourage more accurate counts on the **2010 Federal Census.** MAPC is helping municipalities prepare for the Census in many ways, including advocating for the formation of Complete Count Committees that can target hard-to-count population groups such as recent immigrants and renters in each city and town.

Getting Around the Region

MAPC continued its popular **Regional Bike Parking Program**, negotiating discount group purchasing contracts with three leading vendors of bicycle parking equipment. This allows MAPC communities, the MBTA, and the Department of Conservation and Recreation to purchase discounted equipment. The Boston Region MPO, the Executive Office of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration have provided generous funding to support 100% reimbursement of the cost of eligible bike parking

equipment bought through this program. Communities around the region have used the program to put new racks at schools, libraries, parks, and shopping areas. A total of 788 racks holding 2472 bicycles have been installed at 25 communities throughout the region.

MAPC continued its work on the **Regional Pedestrian Plan,** administering a survey this year to nearly 2,000 people. The plan will identify policies to make walking more convenient, safe and practical.

On Beacon Hill

- **Municipal Health Insurance:**
  MAPC continued encouraging municipalities to join the **Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission (GIC),** which can help communities save millions of dollars each year by taking advantage of lower insurance rates available through the GIC. To date, 27 municipalities have joined the GIC.

- **Shannon Community Safety Initiative:**
  Over the last three years, MAPC's advocacy and grant development services have helped more than two dozen communities to secure funding for interdisciplinary programs that focus on youth violence, drugs, and enforcement against gangs. The program was funded at $13 million in Fiscal 2009.

- **Statewide Population Estimates Program:**
  A $600,000 line item in the 2008 budget provided the State Estimates Program with more resources to prepare for the 2010 Census. This program will help correct the deficiencies of recent population estimates and to prevent similar deficiencies from occurring in 2010. Conservative estimates suggest Massachusetts stands to gain between $2.5 million and $5 million per year in federal funding, or between $7.5 million and $15 million between 2007 and the 2010 Census as a direct result of the program's efforts.

- **Surplus Land:**
  MAPC continues to advocate for passage of a new policy on the disposition of surplus state land. Specifically, we continue to build support for our proposal that encourages smart growth development on surplus land while giving municipalities a meaningful role in the disposition process, a discounted right of first refusal, and financial participation in the proceeds.

- **Community Preservation Act:**
  CPA has been very popular throughout the region, but recently the state matching fund has declined precipitously. Legislation filed by Senator Cynthia Creem (D-Newton) and Representative Stephen Kulik (D-Worthington) would secure adequate funding over the long term for the state's CPA matching fund, and encourage even more communities to join.

- **District Local Technical Assistance**
  The planning assistance offered through the District Local Technical Assistance Fund (DLTA) was funded at $2 million for Fiscal 2009. It enables the state's 13 Regional Planning Agencies, including MAPC, to provide municipalities with technical assistance in two key areas: achieving smart growth land use objectives, and consolidating procurement, services and planning across city and town lines.

MAPC Annual Report prepared and submitted by Marc D. Draisen, Executive Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

Subregions

Inner Core Committee (ICC)

Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Milton, Newton, Quincy, Revere, Saugus, Somerville, Waltham, Watertown, Winthrop

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The Inner Core Committee discussed planning, legislative and transportation issues that are relevant to urban communities. Guest speakers presented the following topics: Urban Renewal Planning and District Improvement Financing; U.S. Census 2010; Massachusetts Green Communities Act; Cambridge - A Green Community; and the Mystic River Watershed Initiative. Laura Wiener (Arlington) and Joe Viola (Brookline) began serving as Chair and MAPC Legislative Committee Liaison respectively. Jeff Levine (Brookline) served as the ICC's designee to the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Regional Transportation Advisory Council.

The Committee took the following actions in 2008: reviewed the Harvard University Master Plan EENF; set priorities for the FFY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and provided comments on the TIP, UPWP, and zoning reform. The following projects were completed in the subregion: Town of Arlington housing and economic development planning; City of Malden – Malden Vision Phase I; Town of Saugus Accessory Dwelling Unit bylaw and analysis of Cliftondale Square; and the Mystic River Corridor Strategy led by the City of Somerville. Two new regional initiatives began: Metro Mayors Coalition foreclosure activities and Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership's plan to end homelessness for the Metro Boston Region.

Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC)

Acton, Bedford, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Hudson, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Stow, Sudbury

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MAGIC held seven regular meetings and five special meetings in 2008. The standard meetings consisted of local officials from the thirteen communities discussing transportation planning and priorities for state funding, state zoning reform, large regional transportation projects, local walkway initiatives, aerial and oblique imagery, rails and trails projects, the U.S. Census, as grant programs for municipalities, and other inter-municipal planning issues. MAGIC provided input into various state and regional transportation plans, as well as commented on MEPA reviews.

For the special meetings, MAGIC hosted two well-attended legislative breakfast tofacilitate communication between municipal officials and the MAGIC legislative delegation. MAGIC also hosted a training by the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) on affordable housing, a 2-day training GIS training session. MAGIC members also attended a local strategy session for MAPC's MetroFuture initiative. In addition to subregional activities, MAPC assisted with the following projects in the MAGIC subregion: Stormwater Bylaw and Regulation development in Sudbury, Economic Development in Littleton, Route 85 Corridor Study in Hudson and Marlborough, and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plans for all the MAGIC towns.

North Shore Task Force (NSTF)

Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Hamilton, Gloucester, Ipswich, Manchester by the Sea, Marblehead, Middleton, Nahant, Peabody, Rockport, Salem, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wenham

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During 2008, the North Shore Task Force took part in a variety of activities, including the following:

- Reviewed and offered input into a variety of regional transportation programs, including the Transportation Improvement Program, the Unified Planning and Work Program and the Regional Transportation Plan, as well as opportunities to participate in Transportation Demand Management and Suburban Mobility programs.
- Evaluated the new Smart Growth/Smart Energy Toolkit, looking particularly at how Traditional Neighborhood planning techniques can be successfully used on the North Shore.
- Continued to enthusiastically engage with the MetroFuture regional planning and initial implementation process.

- Hosted a workshop on the MAPC/MA R.P.A. produced "Best Practices Model for Streamlined Local Permitting, a collaborative effort involving input from the twelve Massachusetts Regional Planning Agencies.
- Heard a presentation on the evolving Land Use Partnership Act and offered comments to the MAPC Legislative Committee on the continuing effort to reform
  M.G.L 40 A.
- Participated in the Smart Parking Toolkit workshop on how to create and implement new parking strategies for North Shore communities.
- Hosted a Hazardous Materials 101 presentation in which a certified Hazardous Materials Manager discussed how planning, public health, and building departments can deal with the threats and management issues posed by hazardous materials as they impact land use planning, water supply and site re-use.
- Collaborated with the Town of Ipswich and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to co-host a site visit to Partridgeberry Place, a model Low Impact Development, clustered subdivision development in Ipswich.
- Reviewed on-going municipal issues using Community Exchange at each meeting.
- Introduced North Shore communities to GIS Pictometry update opportunities and continued to provide ongoing GIS technical and mapping assistance.
- Worked with the MA Housing Partnership and the Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) to give a presentation on home ownership, looking at North Shore housing challenges and opportunities within the 2008 economic downswing.
- Collaborated with the MA Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and the Town of Ipswich to co-host a workshop on innovative methods on how to effectively survey and retain downtown businesses in both towns and small cities.
- Heard monthly updates from the MAPC Legislative Committee and offered comments to the Committee on legislation pertinent to North Shore communities.

North Suburban Planning Council (NSPC)

Burlington, Lynnfield, North Reading, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester, Woburn

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The North Suburban Planning Council began 2008 with several transportation related topics including a presentation on the MAPC Parking Tool Kit and a discussion of the TIP and the UPWP. The February meeting was focused on an overview of best management practices for streamlined local permitting as well as zoning reform.

The TIP and UPWP were discussed over the course of several meetings and NSPC prepared review letters on both of those documents.

The April meeting was a special region workshop devoted to stormwater management and low impact development. This meeting included case studies as well as information on bylaws.

In May the Central Transportation Planning Staff (CTPS) held a Walkable Communities workshop in Stoneham. This workshop was well-attended and included a walk of several blocks in Stoneham center to illustrate common issues for pedestrian safety. Upon returning to town hall, the participants worked together in groups to develop solutions to the issues just illustrated.

In July NSPC made a site visit to the Residences at Martins Brook which is the first phase of the 40R development on the former JT Berry site in Wilmington and North Reading. The project developers presented an overview of the development and the group walked the site to view some of the special site features and amenities.

The September meeting was devoted to a presentation by the Census Bureau on the early activities in preparation for the 2010 Census. A particular emphasis of this meeting was the importance of forming Complete Count Committees in each municipality.

In October NSPC learned about the Regional Pedestrian Plan and the bike rack program. There was also a discussion about broadening participation in the subregion. The year ended with a discussion about the guidelines for the current round of District Local Technical Assistance grants and the availability of new oblique aerial imagery.

South Shore Coalition (SSC)

Braintree, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth

The South Shore Coalition comprises representatives or appointees from the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen or City Council from each of the member municipalities. The Coalition is staffed by MAPC and the Chairman is Holbrook Town Administrator Michael Yunits. The Coalition meets monthly to discuss issues of mutual interest and to learn about MAPC activities and products.

The year 2008 began with a highly successful South Shore Forum in January, on the topic of New Parking Strategies for Town and Village Centers. Over 60 residents and municipal officials attended the forum to hear from parking experts and to discuss application of innovative parking concepts on the South Shore. Since the forum, many cities and towns in the subregion have conducted studies or revised their development controls to try out new concepts.

At subsequent meetings in 2008, participants discussed a variety of topics, including the Patrick Administration's Zoning Reform proposals; best practices for streamlined

permitting; the regional Suburban Mobility Program; transportation funding priorities; and recommendations for MetroFuture, MAPC's long-range regional plan. Coalition staff also provided occasional technical assistance to city and town planners and facilitated the preparation and submittal of two letters of interest for the region's Suburban Mobility program.

South West Advisory Planning Committee (SWAP)
Bellingham, Dover, Franklin, Hopkinton, Medway, Milford, Millis, Norfolk, Sherborn, Wrentham

During 2008, the SWAP subregion municipal representatives continued to meet on a regular basis to discuss and take action on issues of mutual interest from community development planning to transportation. SWAP heard presentations on the upcoming US Census, alternative parking management programs, alternative growth designs promoted by the state's Smart Growth tool kit, revisions to the state's storm-water regulations that will impact local communities, funding opportunities forthcoming under the Green Communities Act, and potential legislative changes to the state's zoning act. SWAP was also informed about the availability of free aerial photography for their towns, free bicycle racks, and free trainings for municipal planners through MAPC.

SWAP provided input regarding an upcoming transportation study of Route 126 from Bellingham to Framingham. The Committee also held a lively discussion on how communities can best use design review committees and guidelines to foster appropriate development.

During the past year, the communities participating in the subregion were briefed on grant opportunities, such as the District Local Technical Assistance fund and the Suburban Mobility Program as well as the Commonwealth Capital program. Subregional representatives also participated in MAPC's MetroFuture project, to develop a plan for the future of the greater Boston region. During 2008, MAPC also completed our work with the Town of Millis to rezone a portion of the western industrial zone along Route 109, assisted Norfolk in securing designation of Priority Development site under the state's 43D program, worked with the Sherborn Planning Board to host a visioning session for the town center, and facilitated discussions between Milford and MassHighway on a possible Park and Ride lot.

Three Rivers Interlocal Council (TRIC)
Canton, Dedham, Dover, Foxborough, Medfield, Milton, Needham, Norwood, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, Westwood

The Three Rivers Interlocal Council (TRIC) is comprised of thirteen communities southwest of Boston. Taber Keally, Town of Milton, is the Chair. The purpose of TRIC is to encourage cooperative action concerning growth and development. This sub region includes the communities of Canton, Dedham, Dover, Foxborough, Medfield, Milton, Needham, Norwood, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, and Westwood.
In 2008, TRIC) met monthly to discuss issues of inter-municipal significance. Participants at TRIC meetings can include Local Council Representatives, town planners, membership of municipal Planning Boards, Town Administrators, and Chambers of Commerce.

Presentations of significance at TRIC meetings in 2008 included zoning reform in Massachusetts, input to the framework for the *Land Use Partnership Act*, the Smart Growth/Smart Energy resources provided by the Commonwealth, the Transportation Improvement Program, oblique aerial imagery and software available to municipalities, the Commonwealth Capital application process, the I-95, I-93, University Avenue & Dedham Street Interchanges Project , best practices in Streamlined Local Permitting, Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products (PCPP), recommendations of the Massachusetts Transportation Finance Commission, review of technical assistance programs targeted to municipalities and provided by Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), input to the Regional Pedestrian Plan and the Regional Bike Parking Program, technical assistance in preparing proposals for the Suburban Mobility Program, assistance in creating an inventory of open space and in preparing a Regional Open Space Plan, discussion and technical assistance regarding the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) grant program.

Current major growth and development issues of shared concern in these towns include the potential for South Coast Rail construction and implementation to negatively impact local economic development, the potential for South Coast Rail construction to adversely impact privately held property, traffic congestion and gridlock now occurring on municipal roads in peak travel hours, and a strong desire to work cooperatively with the Commonwealth to institute assessment of development impacts with a regional scope as opposed to assessment of impacts on a project-by-project basis that has a focus on a single municipality.

ANNUAL REPORT

HAMILTON-WENHAM

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

TOWN REPORT 2008

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Catherine A. Harrison (Resigned Oct. 2008 prior to end of term 2011)	October 2008

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

Dr. Marinel D. McGrath, Superintendent of Schools

I am pleased to present the 2007-2008 Annual Report for the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District. As you read the school reports, you will note that the strength of our school district is in the quality of our students, staff and our two communities.

During the 2007-2008 school year, the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District (HWRSD) had an enrollment totaling 2,097 students with 870 in the elementary grades pre-kindergarten through grade five, 512 in the middle school grades six through eight, and 715 in the high school grades nine through twelve. The school district goal is to provide an engaging and comprehensive curriculum that challenges all students and raises their achievement level. Our students must meet not only local learning standards, but also the learning standards of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and those of colleges across the country.

To realize the HWRSD goal, teams of teachers and principals provide an academic program for higher student achievement by embedding all state framework requirements within a strong district curriculum. Through state and federal grants and the generosity of the Hamilton and Wenham Ed Fund, teachers availed themselves of quality staff development programs to ensure successful implementation of programs. Through the dedication, commitment, and caring of our teachers and support staff, Hamilton and Wenham students were recognized for their achievements in the academics, arts, athletics, and activities during the 2007-2008 school year. Our elementary students participated in the artists-in-residence program; our middle school College Bowl students won the national competition for their division and our middle school math team earned first place in Essex County for their participation in the New England Mathematics League. Middle School students were also recognized for their achievements in band competitions and the *Boston Globe* Art Awards. Our high school students received awards at the local, state, and national level in history and science, the New England Drama Festival, *Boston Globe* Key Art Awards, District Band and Chorus, and Massachusetts All-State Band. One of our students, Katherine Hoffman, was named the Massachusetts State Representative to the International Science Fair where she was awarded third place internationally for her science project. In athletics, the boys' and girls' cross country teams won Cape Ann League and the Division IV Eastern Championships while the boys' basketball, girls' indoor track, boys' outdoor track and boys' tennis teams each were named Cape Ann League Champions. In addition, the golf, baseball, and girls' lacrosse teams received Cape Ann League Sportsmanship Awards. The cheering, field hockey, golf, volleyball, girls' soccer, boys' soccer, swimming, gymnastics, boys' and girls' lacrosse, and boys' and girls' tennis teams all advanced to post-season tournament play with the cheering team participating in the national competition.

The May 2007 MCAS scores reveal that Hamilton-Wenham students continue to score above the state average in all four subject areas tested *(see Director of Curriculum's report for detail). Every* member of the Class of 2008 passed both the English and math sections of the MCAS which enabled all of them to graduate in June. In the area of college admission test scores, 92 % of HW Regional High School students took the SAT I with an average score of 1690 (Critical Reading – 560; Math – 568; Writing – 562). 116 students took 163 Advanced Placement examinations in Calculus AB, English Literature, European History, French, Spanish Language,

Spanish Literature, and U.S. History, and achieved an average score of 3.3 out of 5.0. The Class of 2008 had seven students recognized as National Merit Scholars; five students received letters of commendation; one student was named a semi-finalist and one student was named a finalist.

The H-W Regional School District continued its collaboration with the Towns of Hamilton and Wenham through the Towns/School Budget Process Committee (T/S BPC). The FY 09 school budget for $27,031,567 included a Proposition 2 ½ Override for $1,889,589 which enabled the district to maintain "level services" for FY 09. As many know, the Chapter 70 state funding was decreased for the 9th consecutive year. In FY 01, the District received 19% of its budget from Chapter 70; in FY 09 the District received only 13% of its funding from Chapter 70 state aid. The School Committee and community members continue to work hard with our legislators to change this formula to relieve the burden on the taxpayers.

Specifically, the FY 09 override funds at the elementary level maintained 4 classroom teachers, 1.5 reading specialists, 6 teaching assistants for reading, and funds for instructional materials and maintenance needs. At the middle school, the override funds maintained 1.8 math and 1.8 social studies teachers, 1 integrated academic teacher in reading and drama, algebra and Spanish textbooks, as well as funds for instructional materials and maintenance needs. The override maintained 9.2 high school teachers and 1 teaching assistant for the alternative program and instructional materials and maintenance needs. Lastly, the override also funded a part-time secretary for special education, a part-time data specialist for state reporting, technology infrastructure and hardware, and funds for district-wide maintenance.

While this budget balanced the education needs of students with economic realities, the FY 09 budget, once again, did not have the full support of our constituents. We had many constituents who believed the budget should have been higher so we could maintain a greater number of our academic programs. We also had just as many constituents who believed the budget should have been lower so as to ease the tax burden.

At the June 5, 2008 School Committee meeting, the District bid farewell to three teachers at the sixth annual "We Honor You" reception. Honored retirees included: Cheryl Sweeney (35 years.) - Winthrop School Reading Specialist, Pamela Larchez (24 years) – Cutler School Library Media Specialist, and Ruth Cooper (12 years) – Buker School Nurse.

I would like to take the opportunity to recognize and thank the many people who supported our schools this past year. On behalf of the students, faculty, administration, and School Committee, I thank the Friends of Pre-School, Buker, Cutler, Winthrop, Miles River, and High Schools, Special Education Parent Advisory Board, HW Ed Fund, HW Rotary Club, HWRHS Sports and Activities Alliance, Support our Schools, Pro Musica II, and the many generous parents and community members who contributed time and money to support our schools.

I am also grateful to our faculty, staff, principals, assistant principals, and the District Leadership Team for their devotion to the students of Hamilton and Wenham. Finally, we are most appreciative to the townspeople of Hamilton and Wenham and the Hamilton and Wenham Boards of Selectmen and Finance Committees who have seen us through difficult times and who continue to support our efforts to make the Hamilton-Wenham Schools the very best they can be.

In closing, our initiatives continue to advance the coherence and quality of our educational program. There are many goals yet to realize which are dependent upon continued school funding. Our professional staff must have the resources if we are to continue to be competitive with peer school districts in developing, providing, and maintaining a high quality educational program for our students in the Hamilton-Wenham Regional Schools.

Buker Elementary School

Department of Student Services

Allison Brown Collins, Director of Student Services

The Student Services Department of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District provides programming for students with disabilities, ages 3 to 22. During the 2007-2008 school year, 358 students in the District (16.9% of the general population) were identified as needing special education services. Special education is a required program for all school districts under both federal law (Individuals with Disabilities Act – IDEA) and state law (Chapter 766). Eligibility for special education services is based upon the presence of a diagnosed disability, the inability to make effective progress in the general curriculum due to the disability, and the need for specially-designed instruction or related services. A team of teachers, parents, and other professionals collaborate in making eligibility determinations for each student. Evaluation Teams, composed of trained professionals including school psychologists, special education teachers, speech and language pathologists, occupational and physical therapists, and other specialists utilize a full battery of diagnostic instruments to assess the individual needs of the students.

Professional special educators, trained paraprofessionals, and therapists support regular education classroom teachers in meeting the needs of students with learning disabilities, health and sensory disabilities, communication disorders, neurological impairments, cognitive deficits, and emotional and behavioral difficulties. In addition to assisting students with moderate special needs through specialized instruction and inclusion support, the Student Services Department provides a variety of intensive programs for children with complex needs, including the Integrated Preschool, Kindergarten, and Academic Opportunities Program for elementary students; a middle school classroom for students with language-based learning disabilities; middle and high school programs (ASPIRE) for severe special needs students, and the STAY alternative program for high school students. In 2007-08, the District implemented an Intensive Primary Program, which provides ABA-based instruction for students with autism and other significant developmental disabilities, launched the Learning Skills program at the high school, and expanded the STAY alternative program to include a second classroom for freshmen students.

As a joint initiative between the Curriculum and Instruction and Student Services departments, the District implemented the "Reaching All Learners" professional development initiative in 2007-08. These courses and trainings included Responsive Classroom, Differentiated Instruction, Curriculum Mapping, Positive Behavior Intervention Support, and Mental Health Issues in the Classroom. In addition, Student Services staff attended specialized workshops in Special Education Law and Regulations, Transition Planning, Applied Behavior Analysis, IEP Goal Development, Kurzweil Software Implementation, Lindamood Bell and Wilson Reading Programs, and Thinking Maps. The Student Services Parent Advisory Council offered several parent workshops, including a Parent Rights Presentation, Student Services Focus Group, and trainings on Attention Deficit Disorder and Understanding Neuropsychological Evaluations.

The Special Education Department is evaluated annually on a three-year rotation between elementary, middle school, and high school programs. These evaluations are required by law of all public schools as a means of ensuring quality programs for students with disabilities. In 2007-08, the annual evaluation focused on literacy programs at the elementary level and

supported the District's planning for an intensive reading and written language program in grades 4-6 for the 2008-2009 school year. The District also completed progress reports required by the 2006 Coordinated Program Review Site Visit, and received a positive response from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which stated that no further action was required at this time. The Coordinated Program Mid-Cycle Review will be conducted during the 2009-10 school year.

The Student Services Department is proud of its record of service within the District and recognizes that the high quality teaching practices of classroom teachers and the strong District curriculum have established the climate of educational excellence that allows students with disabilities to succeed. The support of the School Committee, the Superintendent, Leadership Team, families and townspeople has been essential in meeting the needs of all learners in the District.

First Church Steeple Removed for Repairs

Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Services

Dr. Maryellen Duffy, Director

The Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District continues to work with the Leadership Team and the staff to align the districts instructional and staff development program with the district's goals and strategic plan.

The Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District (HWRSD) continues to renew and revise curriculum according to the guidelines established and approved in 2004. Currently, curriculum and instruction task forces are established in each subject area (math, science, social studies/history, English, foreign language, physical education/heath, science and technology. The task force committees work to refine curriculum guides, develop curriculum maps and establish benchmark assessments. The Curriculum and Professional Development Committee oversees the task force committees, plans the in-service days, early release Wednesdays, and related professional development.

The Curriculum Office and the Technology Committee oversee the implementation, review and revision of the district technology plan, which defines the goals for student learning and associated hardware and software acquisitions needed to support the integration of technology into the curriculum.

The Curriculum Office supervises the programming for our 32 English Language Learner students, and the 50 students who qualify for Section 504 Individual Accommodation Plans. The Curriculum Office is responsible for reviewing and approving Home Education Plans for 26 students from 16 families residing in Hamilton and Wenham.

Competitive state and federal grants provided the funds to offer quality professional development opportunities and support to our teachers. The HWRSD has been able to offer its staff numerous grant-funded professional development opportunities which include Thinkfinity, the Responsive Classroom, Universal Design for Learning, Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies, and the Collaborative Project for Mathematics, Science, and Interdisciplinary Education. The Beginning Teacher Orientation, Induction and Mentoring Program, and the curriculum coach positions have also been funded through grants. In addition, staff members are involved in 52 special projects and 6 sessions of professional development focusing on differentiating instruction through the "Reaching All Learners" program offered during the early release Wednesdays.

During the 2007-2008 school year the HWRSD was awarded 7 state grants (6 entitlement and 1 competitive), 2 federal competitive grants and, 3 private competitive grants totaling in the aggregate of $348,916. These grants were targeted for MCAS remediation, staff professional development, curriculum support, curriculum development, physical education, health education, mental health services, and drug, alcohol and violence prevention programs. HWRSD teachers were also involved in professional development opportunities in science, mathematics, engineering and technology, and American history through grant-supported programs in collaboration with Salem State College and the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

The 2008 MCAS scores revealed that Hamilton-Wenham student scores are above the state average in all five subject areas tested: reading (99% passing at grade 3); English (average of 98% passing at grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10), mathematics (average 93% passing at grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10) and science (94% passing at grades 5, 8 and 10).

The HWRSD recognizes that student achievement, curriculum and professional development are interrelated and will continue to pursue and secure opportunities to support these connections.

Bessie Buker Elementary School
Brian F. O'Donoghue, Principal

The Buker School had an enrollment of 236 students in grades K-5 during the 2007-2008 school year. It was a busy and productive year for our students and the entire school community.

Our students were taught by 12 classroom teachers, 2.6 special education teachers, a combination of 11.5 special education and regular education teaching assistants, a part-time reading teacher, and part-time adjustment counselor and school psychologist. Gina Putnam joined our staff as our integrated media specialist. Our other specialist subjects of art, music, and physical education were taught by staff shared by the three elementary schools.

Our half-day kindergarten class experienced a successful first year after being reorganized into a five-day program. The students experienced a consistent daily schedule and had the opportunity to eat lunch at school on Wednesdays. The Buker staff continued to work across grade levels to develop instructional strategies designed to improve student achievement in reading. Buker teachers joined the Winthrop and Cutler staff to work with Jerry Goldberg from Teachers 21 to learn more about differentiated instruction. Throughout the year, the Buker teaching staff used some of the Wednesday afternoon professional development time to collaborate and plan for differentiated instruction.

The Kids Care Club continued to serve as a means for our students to participate in community service for the Buker community, the local community, and the community beyond Hamilton-Wenham. Under the direction of classroom teachers, Becky Oliveira and Patti Miller, the students maintained the Karen Woolf Insect Garden and coordinated a "Buker Bounce–a-thon" to raise money for the gym floor replacement here at Buker. The students also collected food supplies for the ACORD food pantry and organized supplies that were sent to our troops in Iraq. Buker students benefited from some special programs including a visit from storyteller Valerie Tutson, as well as from an artist in residence, Steven Ratiner, who worked with our grades 3-5 students to develop their poetry writing skills.

The Buker School experience for students and staff members continues to be enhanced by the generous support of our parents, the Friends of Buker (FOB), the Hamilton-Wenham Ed Fund, and the Town of Wenham. Our parents provided valuable assistance through the volunteer program. The Friends of Buker supported all our cultural enrichment programs and subsidized many of our grade level field trips. In addition, the FOB organized many social events for families which included the very popular auction. The Ed Fund generously funded a school grant so we could purchase a wireless laptop cart that is used extensively in our classrooms. The Town of Wenham in conjunction with the Friends of Buker and the Hamilton-Wenham Recreation Department contributed funds to complete our gymnasium floor renovation project. We now have a beautiful new floor that will be used and enjoyed by the community. Thank you to all of the members of the Buker School community and the community members of Hamilton-Wenham for your past and continued support of our school.

Cutler Elementary School

Jennifer E. Clifford, Principal

There were 306 students enrolled in seventeen classrooms in kindergarten through fifth grade at Cutler School during the 2007-2008 school year. Students were supported by 28 classroom and specialist teachers as well as 14 teaching assistants. It was a productive and exciting year for our school community as a whole. The implementation of a new five, half-day kindergarten schedule provided more consistency and time on learning for our youngest students and was met with approval and support by both teachers and parents.

New faculty members included the appointment Maureen Dolphin to the first grade and Suzanne Clerkin as a new part-time special education liaison. Our library/media teacher, Pamela Larchez, retired from Cutler School after nearly a quarter of a century of service as both a classroom teacher and library/media specialist.

Professional development initiatives in 2008 included a focus on analyzing student achievement in mathematics. Teams of teachers worked together across the district to establish end-of-year math benchmarks for every grade level. A Cutler School Building Leadership Team was established to plan and implement professional development with a focus on differentiated instruction. Faculty members participated in monthly meetings to review the best practices for meeting the needs of every student. Teachers also continued their study of technology integration, using the latest research to enhance the use of technology in the classrooms. Staff members volunteered their time as student mentors, reaching out to students in need of extra adult connections and strengthening our commitment to the whole child.

We were fortunate to have varied afterschool activities for our students. The Cutler School Kids Care Club provided community service to several organizations throughout the year. Students organized a food drive for the Accord Food Pantry, volunteered at the Pan Mass Challenge for Kids, played bingo with senior citizens at Brooksby Village, raked leaves for elderly neighbors, and distributed thank you baskets for community workers. The fourth and fifth grade chorus and fifth grade ensemble band performed for the school as well as for parents during three concerts throughout the year. Two new Cutler School activity clubs formed with volunteer leaders this year. Fifth grade teacher Melissa Graham led a lunchtime String Jam Session, allowing fifth graders to pursue their interests in stringed instruments while second grade teacher Nancy Duffy led student athletes in the newly formed Cutler Running Club, an activity that meets twice weekly before school hours, providing students an opportunity to exercise their bodies in order to focus their minds.

During 2007-2008, we were supported by several community organizations. The Friends of Cutler continued to provide extensive assistance to our school. The Friends purchased twelve new classroom computers and a Smartboard, and made safety upgrades to repair existing playground structures. We continued to benefit from community-building events coordinated by the Friends. Cutler School also benefited from the generosity of the Hamilton-Wenham Ed Fund, which provided a grant to purchase laptop computers, a Smartboard, and resources to enhance differentiated instruction. Pro-Musica brought Brown Bag concerts to the elementary schools and provided supplemental funding for our popular band and chorus programs. As principal, I thank you for your continued support of Cutler School and our young learners.

Winthrop Elementary School
Carrie Vaich, Principal

The Winthrop School opened in September 2007 with an enrollment of 328 students which included two integrated pre-kindergarten classrooms. One full day, tuition-based kindergarten class and two half-day kindergarten classes were also available to our youngest students along with classrooms for students in grades one through five.

Our staff was composed of 62 members including teachers, specialists, therapists, and teaching assistants providing instruction for our student population. After 32 years of service, Cheryl Sweeney, our Language Arts specialist retired in June 2008. Under Cheryl's leadership, students were provided with various levels of support in the areas of reading, spelling, and writing. We wish Cheryl Sweeney the very best in her retirement.

During the 2007-2008 school year, staff members participated in a variety of staff development courses focused on differentiated instruction practices. Working collaboratively, teachers designed lessons to match individual learning styles and levels of achievement. During the year, staff and school council members drafted school-wide vision and mission statements that align with the district goals and are posted in classrooms. Through individual and group meetings parents and staff members also determined key areas of focus and goals for our students to be included in Winthrop's School Improvement Plan.

With direction from staff and community members, Winthrop students participated in many community service projects. Winthrop School formed a Kids Care Club, an initiative of the Points of Light Foundation, designed to promote service and philanthropy in school and our local communities. Approximately 30 K-5 children participated in Kids Care during its inaugural year and completed two projects which included "Birthday Wishes," a school-wide drive for birthday party donations for families living in homeless shelters and a "Change Drive" for the "Kids Care for Kids in Asia" project which raised $244.50 for UNICEF to help those affected by the earthquake in China last May. Our kindergarten classes coordinated a school-wide donation to benefit the Cape Ann Animal Shelter while our first grade teachers organized a school-wide food drive to benefit the Accord Food Pantry on our 100th day of school, whereby each grade level donated specific food items that were brought to Accord by the children. The children also participated in shelving the food with the assistance of parent volunteers.

We have been extremely fortunate to have a dedicated parent group organizing our Friends of Winthrop (FOW) events and fundraisers. This year, traditional events such as the Ice Cream Social, Halloween Happenings, Holiday Express, and Toy Bingo were enjoyed by all. Students were thrilled by a spectacular artist, Rob Surrette, who claims to be 'the fastest portrait artist in the world'. Rob's message to the students was to "Be Somebody." With the funds raised, the FOW purchased additional Apple computers for our Library/Media Center in accordance with the District technology plan. Students showcased their individual slide shows created on the new computers during the Spring Volunteer Appreciation Tea. Winthrop's School Beautification Committee worked on weekends to paint the library/media center, the school gallery, and entire primary wing of the school. With support from the Hamilton-Wenham EdFund grant, technology and resource materials were purchased for staff and student use. We are most grateful to the EdFund for supporting our efforts in meeting the needs of each individual learner.

Miles River Middle School

Matthew J. Fox, Principal

Situated on a campus shared with the Hamilton Wenham Regional High School, Miles River Middle School opened in September 2007 with an enrollment of 512 students. At Miles River we offer a comprehensive core curriculum composed of mathematics, English, science, and social studies. In addition, we also offer "Integrated Academic" classes that expose students to art, music, applied technology, life skills, and physical education and health.

Miles River Middle School has a regular education staff numbering 32 full-time teachers. Our special education teaching and support staff includes reading specialists, speech and language pathologists, special education teachers/liaisons, and a special education department chair; totaling 12 positions. We also have 8 special education teaching assistants. Our support staff for the building includes a behavior specialist, a school psychologist, an adjustment counselor, a School Nurse, and two School Secretaries, and we share a technology specialist, librarian, and library/tech teaching assistant with the high school. Miles River also has two full-time custodians and two half-time custodians, four building-based food service workers, a principal, and assistant principal.

Miles River Middle School had three areas of focus for the 2007-2008 school year. The first area was the exploration and application of the concept of teaching the Whole Child. This was a district-wide initiative to ensure that our students are exposed to a comprehensive curriculum, differentiated instruction, expanded academic, social, and athletic offerings, and a supportive learning environment. The second initiative was to evaluate our written curriculum and its format. The third area of focus for Miles River was an evaluation of our student schedule. A committee of teachers, support personnel, and administrators examined the latest research on middle school scheduling, attended seminars, and reviewed the best practices from North Shore middle schools and the rest of the country. Our goal was to develop a schedule that offered the greatest time amount of time for instruction while being age-level and curriculum appropriate.

Our student body at Miles River is composed of active, driven students who work hard in and out of the classroom as evidenced by their success in our classrooms and in our extracurricular offerings. The MRMS College Bowl team received accolades for its performance, and our Math team has excelled at many of its competitions. Miles River also has an active performing arts program in band and chorus that bustled with over 250 students (half the student body). Our select performance groups, Chorale and Jazz Band performed, to rave reviews. Miles River students had equally high participation rates in the intramural program that includes: field hockey, cross country, ping pong, wrestling, track, and volleyball. Through our health program, Life Skills, our students were actively involved in numerous service projects throughout the North Shore and were often recognized for their contributions to the towns, food banks, day care centers, and other service-based organizations. We are so proud of their efforts to become active, contributing citizens.

The support of the member towns within the district has always been high. The Hamilton Wenham Ed Fund graciously supported the school by awarding the school a grant to purchase numerous Smart Boards for our classrooms. The Friends of Miles River has also provided much assistance to the school. Their contributions ensured that curriculum-based field trips were not an economic burden to our families and the Friends supported enrichment programs and guest speakers, purchased Smart Boards for numerous classrooms, and supplemented the school supplies budget by purchasing ancillary materials for the classroom so teachers had as many resources as possible within their reach. The contributions of these two organizations are immeasurable. The ability to expose students to advanced technology, cultural activities, and a rich, supported curriculum is paramount in today's global society. All the teachers, staff, and students of Miles River would like to formally, and warmly, thank these two organizations and the citizens of Hamilton and Wenham for their continued support of our school.

Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School
Robert M. Krol, Principal

I wish to thank the quality educators serving the families of Hamilton-Wenham. They continue to provide our 715 students with a rich and meaningful learning experience. During the 2007-2008 school year, our faculty continued to work on the recommendations of both the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Coordinated Review. That work included developing a co-teaching model for our skills level classes, a 12th grade alternative physical education experience, and a comprehensive technology plan for the high school.

Our students continued to excel in their daily academic endeavors and in state and national testing programs. Our students' performance on the Scholastic Aptitude Testing, Advanced Placement, and MCAS are well above national and state averages and rate as "one of the best" in the Greater Boston area. 85% of the Class of 2008 graduates continued their education at 4-year colleges with one senior being selected as a National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist. An additional 10% of the graduates continued their education at two-year and post-secondary schools. We are also very proud of our students who decided to serve in the military and of those who are starting their careers in the workforce.

Students were active in co-curricular activities with well over 180 students taking part in the annual science and history fairs representing the high school in state, regional, national, and international competitions. Our students excelled at the National History Fair and International Science Fair during the spring. Eight students qualified for the National History Fair in Maryland and one student won acclaim at the International Science Fair held in Atlanta, winning first place in her division.

Over 325 students were involved in various clubs and activities. Our art, music, and drama students continued to distinguish themselves winning *Boston Globe* Key Art Awards, Drama Guild ensemble and individual awards at the One-Act Festival, and students were selected to District and All-State Band and Chorus. Our athletic teams competed successfully in all three seasons highlighted by an outstanding undefeated season in cross-country. The participation rates in athletics continued to surpass previous participation rates with 288 students participating in fall sports, 249 students in winter season programs, and 295 students enrolled in spring programs.

Our connection to the community continued to grow. Students involved in our *Diversified Learning Program* doubled during 2007-2008 year, which resulted in placing more of our students in learning locations throughout the community. The highly successful "Seniors Helping Seniors" program included nearly every senior class student. Students participated in a "give-back day" to help senior citizens in both towns and assisted the Hamilton-Wenham Education with its Annual Golf Tournament at Myopia. Thanks to our High School Friends, the Hamilton-Wenham Education Fund, Support Our Schools, and New England Biolabs, the high school was able to purchase enough computers so every high school classroom has at least one computer for Internet access. The support of our various booster clubs, and the Sports and Activities Alliance also enriched our students' lives.

MILES RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE EIGHT GRADUATES

Jennifer Adamo
Kristen Adams
Chang-Joon An
Christopher Anderson
Kevin Anthony
Suzanne Balk
Ryan Beckett
Theodore Beckman
Skye Bellenis
Spencer Bergholtz
Luke Besse
Stephanie Biancucci
Zachary Bird
Jason Brooks
Nickolas Brown
Lauren Bukkhegyi
Elizabeth Callahan
Kristen Camuso
Christopher Carlson, Jr.
Isaac Carp
Benjamin Chansky
Esther Chisholm
David Chu
Kayla Ciampa
Haley Ciriello
Emma Clay
Cody Cohan
Robert Connery
Thomas Conville
Jesse Craig
Travis Crocker
Emily Cronan
Maxwell Crystal
Abby Curran
Jake Danforth
Julia Dolan
Robin Doroff
Christopher Dovletoglou
Sydney Drayton
Luke Drieze
Taylor Drinkwater
John Dubray
Nora Duncan
April Dupee
Melissa Eap
Alessandro Eramo
Andrew Evans
Vanessa Falasca
Stephanie Fales
Grace Farnan
Rachel Farnham
Ryan Foringer
Caroline Forsey
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ANNUAL REPORT (Short Form)
JANUARY 1, 2008 – DECEMBER 31, 2008

Mr. William Nichols - Wenham Representative
North Shore Regional Vocational School Committee

Amelia P. O'Malley, Superintendent-Director
North Shore Regional Vocational School District

Merger Study

At their January meeting, the Merger Oversight Board met to review the two designs developed by Design Partnership a firm contracted by the Division of Capital Asset Management to assess renovation vs. new construction. One design placed the school on both sides of Rte 62 and involved renovating several of the current academic buildings now in use at the Essex Agricultural School. The two plans were reviewed and the committee unanimously voted to build one new structure on the north side of Rte 62, creating a safer more cohesive academic environment.

To date, we are completing the schematic design which will be presented to the Mass School Building Authority at their Spring Board Meeting. At that time, the project, which has been scaled down to $125 million dollars, will seek approval from the members of the North Shore Regional Vocational School District

Administration

The North Shore Regional Vocational School District Committee, comprised of one member appointed to represent each member community, is the governing body of the School District. The Superintendent-Director and the administrative team carry out the policies of the District School Committee and oversee the daily operation of the school.

Enrollment

Student enrollment as of October 1, 2008 is 447. Students cite the interpersonal relationships with teachers, counselors, and administration, and the vocational/technical programs as the reasons for application. There continues to be a shortage of space for classrooms, shop areas, the library and the cafeteria. In addition, an auditorium is needed.

Students participate in programs in Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Commercial Art, Collision Repair, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Electrical, Information Systems Technology, Graphic Arts, Health Technology, Machine Technology, and Masonry.

Curriculum

All students are now required to take mathematics for all four years of high school. This was implemented as part of our strategy to make sure that our students reach a proficiency level of mathematical understanding before graduation.

All of our science courses are aligned with the Massachusetts Science Frameworks, and for the 9Th and 10th grades classes are sequenced in a manner to prepare students for the MCAS test. Since a science

MCAS test is a graduation requirement we have selected an approach for our underclassman that focuses exclusively on biology.

Two English electives were introduced this year: Journalism and Drama. These are one semester courses which give students the opportunity to explore and develop their interest in reading and writing. Honors English classes continue to be offered at each grade level with higher expectations, deeper analysis of the material, and more opportunities for creative and independent study. Teachers continue to attend workshops to remain current in the field.

The Social Studies Department is revising the scope and sequence to conform to the history curriculum framework and school schedule. Grades nine, ten and eleven will study United States History. Seniors will be able to choose from the following electives: Sociology, Psychology, Business Foundations, Economics, and Consumerism. .

General and Program Advisory Committees

The Program Advisory Committees meet twice per year to discuss suggestions for improving our vocational-technical programs. The instructors use these meetings to learn about the latest equipment, materials, techniques, and technology being used in industry. Improvement in curriculum and delivery of instruction are directly related to these suggestions and industrial standards.

Vocational Career and Technical Area

The Career and Technical Areas have been creating their Scope and Sequence to reflect the Career and Vocational Technical Education frameworks. In addition they have been working on integration projects with the academic faculty helping students understand the importance of academic concepts in the student's technical area.

Technology Integration

Throughout grades 9-12, students are developing skills in word processing, Internet, global communication, spreadsheet, graphics, desktop publishing, and multimedia. They collect and apply data, learn ethical and legal aspects of technology, manipulate graphics, learn text and page layout skills, and use various multimedia tools to express their views and creativity. They develop these skills through a series of projects integrated into the curriculum. Teachers work with a technology specialist in order to create projects that combine their curriculum and technology in a meaningful manner.

Many teachers and our administrators are incorporating Google Docs into their repertoire of technology skills. Google Docs is an online site providing the ability to share documents, spreadsheets or presentations with friends or co-workers. Administrators work collaboratively creating agendas for meetings. Teachers help students to better collaborate on projects both in and out of school using this site.

Our Special Education department uses a Tablet PC lab. A Tablet PC is the same as any other laptop however, is equipped with a touch screen technology which allows the user to operate the computer with a stylus or digital pen, instead of a keyboard or mouse. By rotating and folding the screen it transforms into a tablet configuration. Using a stylus, students can make handwritten notes and drawings in a manner comparable to the way in which pen and paper are used. Students using Tablet PCs can actively participate in classroom presentations and exercises by

drawing responses on screen. Taking handwritten notes and drawing diagrams in a class increases productivity and retention of information.

The North Shore Regional Vocational School District website has a new look. Its design has been changed and updated. The new school video can be viewed on the home page.

Special Education Department

The special education program is inclusive in nature. Inclusion classes are offered in all grades and in every major academic subject area. These classes are co-taught by members of the general education and special education staff. In conjunction with this, many special needs students receive academic support services in the Curriculum Support Center, under the direction of the Special Education Administrator.

Athletic Department

The co-op hockey program with Lynn Tech was ended as the three Lynn Schools combined. After much work and persuasion, the MIAA approved our students to play at their sending school if they were able to make the teams.

The spring of 2008 saw the Softball team win another league championship and qualifying once again for the state tournament. The Baseball team also qualified for the state tournament and advanced farther than any baseball team had in the past.

Second year Head Coach Mike Drouin lead the football team to a 9 – 2 regular season record and qualified to play in the Vocational Super Bowl. The team was also awarded the MIAA Eastern Massachusetts Football Sportsmanship award. Players and coaches were presented the award at Gillette Stadium during the high school super bowl games.

School-to-Work/Placement

Entering the world of work in the 21st century takes more than vocational/technical skills or academic success. Good employees must be able to be good listeners, be able to take direction, to set goals and develop positive working relationships with supervisors and co-workers. North Shore Tech's goal has always been to develop our students' maturity and understanding of what faces them in the world of work.

Tech Prep

Tech Prep, a federally funded program, establishes articulation agreements between high school students and post-secondary institutions. This program develops career pathways that allow for seamless transition from high school to college programs of study, creating opportunities for high school students to earn college credits.

During the 2007-2008 school year, we continued to work with North Shore Community College reviewing established articulations in ITS, Health, Marketing and Culinary and developed a new articulation in Graphic Communications.

The Tech Prep Consortium at North Shore Community College also provided our students with the following activities:

College/Career Expo
On the Spot Admissions
Career Days for Non-Traditional Students

Career Days for Grade 11 and 12 Students
Culinary Competition
Accuplacer Testing
Accuplacer Test Prep Course

Health Office - School Nurse

One of the goals was to create a health related bulletin board each month. Each month a different health related subject was displayed on the bulletin board outside the health office. Topics included headaches, illness prevention, information on drugs and alcohol, and hand washing.

Health services offered at North Shore Tech include first aid, health education, health promotion and prevention of illness in caring safe environment. Emphasis is to prevent illness and injuries, to minimize impairments to learning and to make community/school referrals as appropriate.

Transportation Department

The Transportation Department has a fleet consisting of nineteen (19) buses, twelve -71 passenger buses, one-16 passenger bus, three buses dedicated to the building trades, three-35 passenger buses and one-8 passenger van. The Transportation Department provided transportation to and from school on a daily basis for approximately 443 students. The Transportation Department also provides three late buses three days a week. The sports late buses again this year remained at four buses 5 days a week. The number of students involved in sports, MCAS Prep, Drama Club, and other after school activities has increased again this year; therefore the number of students using the late buses and sports buses has increased. Transportation was provided for many field trips throughout the school year, as well as all away sports games.

The Transportation Department lease purchased three new, 2008 model year 71 passenger school buses this year in an effort to update the fleet.

Adult Education

Adult Evening Education at North Shore is a self-supporting program that offers more than sixty (60) vocational-technical classes that enhance the professional and personal lives of the adult members of our community. The program serves more than one thousand adult students that participate in a wide variety of courses. Popular fields of study include: computers, health, construction, machine technology, culinary, automotive, business and personal finance. A number of courses have state approval for professional and trade license preparation.

Business Office

The Department of Revenue has certified the amount in our unencumbered excess and deficiency funds available July 1, 2008 at $394,449.

Funding Issues

The Fiscal 2010 Budget preparation is currently in process and will be presented to the District's Finance & Property Policy Sub-Committee in February and subsequently to the District's School Committee. At this point, we have not received financial data pertaining to fiscal 2010 from the Department of Education.

The school has contracted with MidAmerica Administrative and Retirement Solutions, Inc. to perform third party administrator services to comply with the new IRS 403(b) regulations that take effect January 1, 2008.

First Church Steeple Removed for Repairs

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TOWN OF WENHAM

County of Essex

MASSACHUSETTS

Wenham - Incorporated 1643

(First Town set off from Salem)

Population – 5075

Area: 8.21 Square Miles

ZONING BYLAWS
First Adopted 1947

Present Minimum Lot Size: 40,000 sq. ft.; 170 ft. Frontage

Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Health Regulations require permits for new construction and alterations.

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ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	468-5520 Ext. 5
BOARD OF HEALTH	468-5520 Ext. 4
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	468-5520 Ext. 8
EMERGENCY - FIRE OR POLICE	911
(for exchanges other than 468)	468-4421
FINANCE DIRECTOR	468-5520 Ext. 3
FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER (non-emergency)	468-5508
INSPECTOR'S OFFICE - Building, Electrical, Gas & Plumbing	468-5520 Ext. 4
LIBRARY	468-5527
POLICE DEPARTMENT (non-emergency)	468-4000
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE	468-5520 Ext. 2
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	468-5520 Ext. 2
TOWN CLERK	468-5520 Ext. 1
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	468-5520 Ext. 7
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	468-5520 Ext. 3

<u>TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS</u>

Monday - Wednesday - Thursday	9:00 - 4:30 P.M.
Friday	9:00 - 1:00 P.M.
Tuesday	9:00 - 7:00 P.M.

SELECTMEN MEET TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DAY - FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY